

2005 River Guide Red

Details

- Grape Variety/Origination:** 30% Syrah (Applegate Valley), 39% Merlot (Applegate Valley), 28% Zinfandel (Applegate Valley), 3% Cabernet (Applegate Valley)
- Growing Conditions:** A mild spring and fall resulted in a later harvest than in 2004. The cooler conditions made for softer reds with elegant and fruit forward characteristics.
- Winemaker Comments:** This revival of Dick Tron's classic River Guide Red blend was conceived as a full bodied yet early drinking red that would be made in a premium way. It is based on the same blend as the Druid's Fluid, but completely dry, unfinned and unfiltered. Gentle fruit handling and a larger vintage resulted in a much more approachable wine than the 2004.
- Tasting Comments:** Aromas of elephant heart plum, candied pear, and winesap apple accompany a subtle smokiness that has become a signature of the River Guide Red. The wine is surprisingly easy to drink in its youth, with a mouthfeel more reminiscent of ripe Pinot Noir than Syrah. This could be a great compliment to tomato based dishes, smoked salmon, or barbeque.

Fermentation

Method: Crushed to tank & bins, Cold soaked & pressed before dryness
Length: 15 Days
Temperature: 78-90 F
Maloactic: Yes
Length of Barrel Aging: 12 Months
Origin of Barrel: 50% One Year, 25% New & 25% 2 Year Hybrid

Technical Data

Alcohol: 12.50%
Brix: 23.5 B
pH: 3.4
r.s. (g/L): 0.20%
Total Acidity (g/L): 6.7

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Suggested Retail \$ _____

