



2003 Donedei Merlot

Varietal Composition

83% Merlot
15% Cabernet Franc
2% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard Sources

Artz Vineyard, Ciel du Cheval – Red Mountain
Alder Ridge – Horse Heaven Hills
Elephant Mountain – Yakima Valley

Cases Produced

424

Barrel Treatment

60% French, Demptos and Seguin Moreau
40% American, Demptos

Alcohol

13.5%

Total Acidity

.66

pH

3.62

Filtration

Unfiltered/unfined

Production

After harvest, these grapes were cold-soaked for 3-4 days depending upon lot. The wine was fermented to dryness after inoculation with a proprietary yeast blend. One hundred percent free-run juice was then added to barrel, where it was aged for approximately 32 months before bottling. An additional 3 months of bottle age was given to this wine prior to release.

Tasting Notes

As is typical of many Merlots hailing from Red Mountain, this Merlot may fool you with its assertive Cabernet character. Not for the faint of heart, this wine is voluptuous and powerful while retaining smooth tannins and a finish that seems to go on and on. Enjoyable now, this wine will continue to age gracefully for 10-15 years.

2003 Donedei Cabernet Sauvignon

Varietal Composition

75% Cabernet Sauvignon
16% Cabernet Franc
9% Merlot

Vineyard Sources

Artz Vineyard
Ciel du Cheval – Red Mountain
Alder Ridge – Horse Heaven Hills
Elephant Mountain – Yakima Valley

Cases Produced

360

Barrel Treatment

60% French, Demptos & Seguin Moreau
40% American, Demptos

Alcohol

13.5%

Total Acidity

64

pH

3.64

Filtration

Unfiltered/unfined

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Tasting notes

Rich and opulent, this Cabernet Sauvignon possesses great strength, complexity, and integration. Round, black-fruit flavors of blackberry and black cherry are nicely balanced with smooth tannins and a long, supple finish. Truly a hedonistic wine for the senses! Enjoyable now, this wine will continue to age gracefully for 10-15 years.



2002 Donedei Merlot

Varietal Composition

79% Merlot
14% Cabernet Sauvignon
7% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard Sources

Artz Vineyard – Red Mountain
Ciel du Cheval – Red Mountain
Alder Ridge – Columbia Valley

Cases Produced

352

Barrel Treatment

50% French, Demptos & Seguin Moreau
50% American, Demptos & Seguin Moreau

Alcohol

13.5%

Total Acidity

.68

Filtration

Unfiltered/unfined

Production

After harvest, these grapes were cold-soaked for 3-4 days depending upon lot. After inoculation with a proprietary yeast blend, the wine was fermented to dryness. One hundred percent free-run juice was then added to the barrel, where it was aged for approximately 24 months prior to bottling. An additional 4 months of bottle age was given to this wine before release.

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2002 Donedei Cabernet Sauvignon

Varietal Composition

77% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Cabernet Franc
8% Merlot

Vineyard Sources

Artz Vineyard – Red Mountain
Ciel du Cheval – Red Mountain
Alder Ridge – Columbia Valley

Cases Produced

440

Barrel Treatment

50% French, Demptos & Seguin Moreau
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Alcohol

13.5%

Total Acidity

.65

Filtration

Unfiltered/unfined

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2001 Donedei Merlot

Varietal Composition

77% Merlot
15% Cabernet Sauvignon
8% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard Sources

Artz Vineyard
Ciel du Cheval
Elephant Mountain Vineyard
Tapteil Vineyard

Cases Produced

160

Production

Aged 21 months in French and American oak. 100% free-run juice.

2001 Donedei Cabernet Sauvignon

Varietal Composition

80% Cabernet Sauvignon
10% Merlot
10% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard Sources

Artz Vineyard
Ciel du Cheval
Elephant Mountain Vineyard
Tapteil Vineyard

Cases Produced

300

Production

Aged 23 months in French and American oak. 100% free-run juice.

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2000 Donedei Merlot

Varietal Composition

78% Merlot
15% Cabernet Sauvignon
7% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard Sources

Artz Vineyard
Ciel du Cheval
Kestrel Vineyard

Production

Aged 21 months in French and American oak. 100% free-run juice.

Tasting Notes

Black cherry fruit on the nose with raspberries and spice. Complex flavors with pronounced fruit, ripe tannins, brisk acidity, and a lengthy aftertaste. Very approachable now but because of the balance of acidity and pH levels, the wine will cellar very well.

2000 Donedei Cabernet Sauvignon

Varietal Composition

80% Cabernet Sauvignon
12% Merlot
8% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard Sources

Artz Vineyard
Ciel du Cheval
Kestrel Vineyard

Cases Produced

260

Production

Aged 23 months in French and American oak. 100% free-run juice.

Tasting Notes

A Bordeaux blend that display cassis, blackberry, and spice. Plenty of structure with rich glycerin and approachable tannins, great balance and a flourishing finish. Approachable now as well as a great candidate for the cellar.

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1999 Donedei Merlot

Varietal Composition

78% Merlot
22% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard Sources

Ciel du Cheval
Kestrel Vineyard

Cases Produced

99

Production

Aged in 80% French and 20% American oak. 100% free-run juice.

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Vineyard Sources

“The art of the blend” is a phrase used with frequency at Donedei. Winemaker Carolyn Lakewold carefully chooses fruit from select vineyard sources to create her stunning Cabernet Sauvignons and Merlots.

Just as we feel Donedei (“gift of God”) describes our wines, it is a true gift that we are able to work with such wonderful growers. The vineyards specially selected for Donedei wines are arguably the best in Washington State, and each contributes its unique terroir to the “art of the blend.” Donedei works closely with each grower and maintains control over designated rows and plants at each vineyard site. All fruit is handpicked. The careful selection and blending of fruit from these individual vineyards results in wine inspired by the soul and crafted to perfection.

Made from 100% free-run juice, Donedei wines are powerful and assertive, yet also display sophistication and finesse. These artisanal wines are for the truly discerning palate.

Alder Ridge – Horse Heaven Hills

A hot vineyard site that is moderated by cool evening temperatures, Alder Ridge is located high above the Columbia River in the Horse Heaven Hills. Sandy soil and longer hang times yield fruit that is inky black, deep and concentrated.

Artz Vineyard – Red Mountain

Fruit from Artz Vineyard is characteristic of Red Mountain: big, dark and possessing a strong streak of minerality. This fruit contributes a thick, lovely, complicated profile to Donedei wines.

Ciel du Cheval – Red Mountain

Fruit from world-renowned Ciel du Cheval located on Red Mountain comes from some of the oldest vines in the state. The small cluster fruit is intensely concentrated: dark, brooding, “gothic” and slowly reveals itself over time.

Elephant Mountain – Yakima Valley

Elephant Mountain is located on a high site in the Yakima Valley and fruit from this vineyard is forward and assertive. Large, plump clusters are grown in loamy, sandy soil and contribute a signature profile of sweet, jammy fruit.