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 | 2010 Upright Merlot
Red Mountain AVA

THE WINE

- Harvested in October and November
- 100% Natural (un-inoculated) fermentation, in addition to malolactic fermentation
- Entirely hand harvested and sorted, small lot fermentations
- Average days on skins = 14
- Pressed straight to 100% French oak; 50% new, 50% seasoned
- Aged on lees until August
- Racked only twice throughout maturation: once to blend in August; once to tank for bottling
- Bottled in June of 2012, unfinned and unfiltered (20 months oak matured)
- 100% Merlot
- 571 cases produced

THE VINEYARD

- 100% Klipsun Vineyard

ANALYSIS

- Alc. 14.80%
- pH 3.80
- TA 5.60g/L

TASTING NOTES

Rich and deep ruby color, this single vineyard Merlot opens up with fruit driven aromas of fresh blueberries, plum and black cherry, backed by sweet and savory notes of roasted coffee, vanilla bean, dark chocolate, and licorice spice. A crushed stone and dusty earth component is also evident as the wine breathes in glass. Extremely well balanced, the fruit, acid and tannin are expressed on the palate as one seamless unit. It comes across as broad and juicy. It's very rare to have a wine that is both elegant and powerful. This is that wine. Reintroducing Merlot as a great variety, the 2010 Upright should continue to soften and develop in bottle for the next 6–8 years.

—Peter Devison, Winemaker