



# EFESTĒ | 2011 Upright *Red Mountain AVA*

## THE WINE

- 100% Merlot
- Harvested from mid-September at 24.5-25.2 brix, 3.67-3.75 pH, 4.8-5.0g/L
- Crop size: 3.25-3.75 tons/acre
- Hand sorted removing all non-grape material and lightly crushed
- Native fermented; average length on skins = 14 days
- Pressed directly to barrel (barrique format); 100% French, 50% new
- Racked twice throughout its 20-month maturation
- Bottled unfinned and unfiltered in June, 2013
- 750 cases produced

## THE VINEYARD

- Klipsun Vineyard

## ANALYSIS

- Alc. 14.50%
- pH 3.83
- TA 5.30g/L

## TASTING NOTES

Merlot doesn't like the heat, so in the cool 2011 vintage we had ideal conditions to allow ripening at Klipsun Vineyard. Deep and inviting, the nose offers roasted espresso bean, dark plum, blackberry, fresh tar, and licorice spice. The palate is rich and weighty, with plush, ripe tannins, heaps of nectarous fruit and a bright/spicy finish. This bad boy can stand up the fattiest of protein and the richest of sauces. Make sure to decant before serving.

—Peter Devison, Winemaker