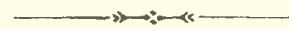




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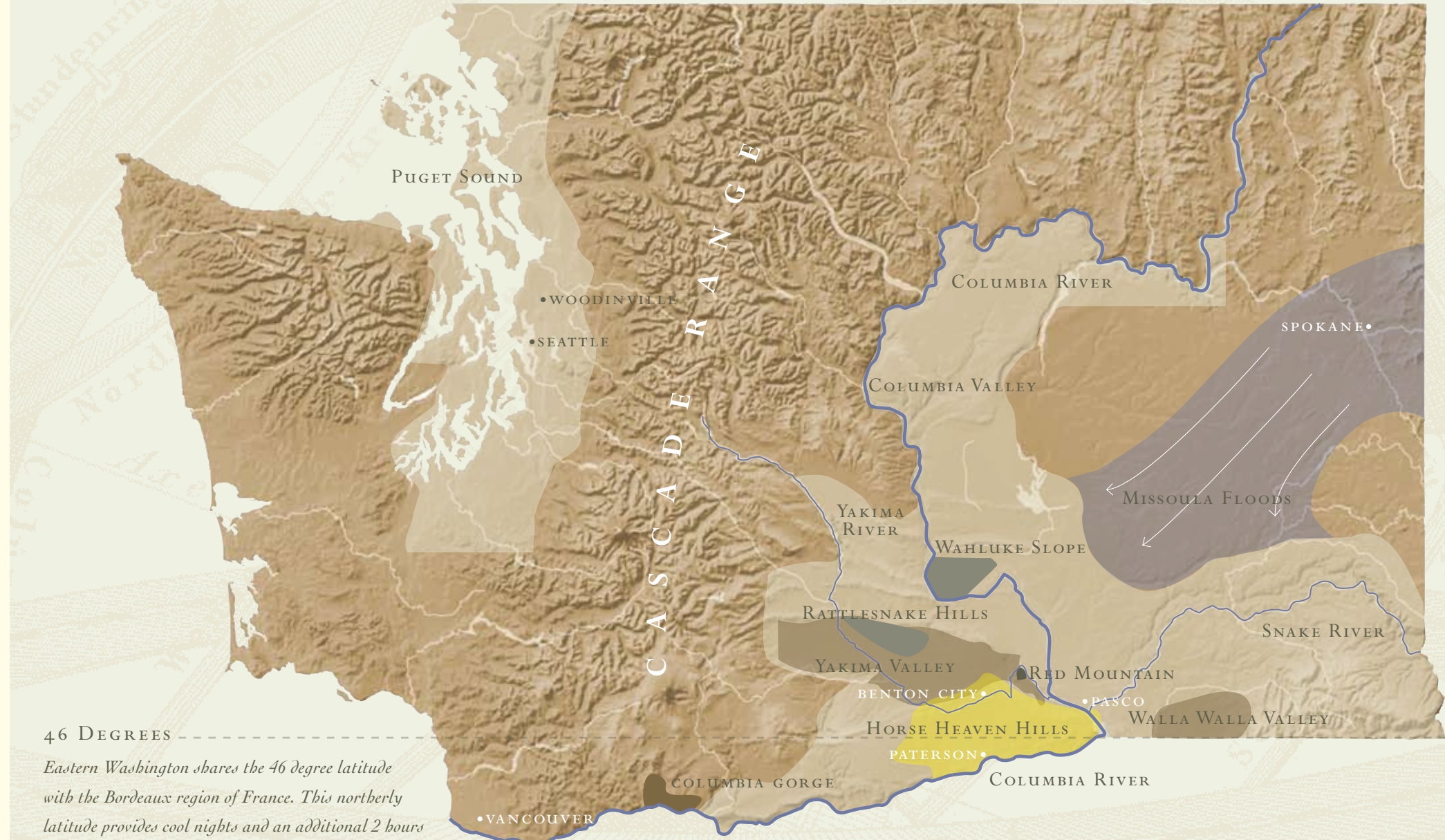
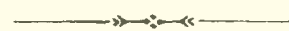
“A historic event occurred at the end of the last Ice Age, creating the unique topography of Eastern Washington and leaving in its wake the perfect conditions for growing grapes.

This colossal event, combined with an ideal climate,

a focus on premium wine and

an environment of collaboration, make

Washington wines a remarkable discovery.”



46 DEGREES
Eastern Washington shares the 46 degree latitude with the Bordeaux region of France. This northerly latitude provides cool nights and an additional 2 hours of sunlight each day during the warm summer months. This latitude creates ideal conditions to allow the grapes to fully ripen while maintaining good acidity.

“THE FIRST DECADE OF THE 21ST CENTURY ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL BE REMEMBERED BY WINE LOVERS AS THE TIME WHEN WASHINGTON ARRIVED.”

— HARVEY STEIMAN, WINE SPECTATOR, FEBRUARY 28 2007

MISSOULA FLOODS

■ Glacial Lake Missoula (larger than Lake Michigan) was formed by a glacial ice dam in Western Montana. Eventually this dam gave way, releasing 500-foot high walls of water that swept across Idaho and Eastern Washington into Oregon at 60 mph. This flood filled the Columbia Valley, reshaping the landscape and creating the unique topography of the region.

GEOLOGICAL EROSION

The fast moving water carved out the Grand Coulee ancient river bed, the Channeled Scablands and many more of Eastern Washington's unique geological features. The geological impact of the floods created the foundation for excellent vineyard locations with benches, terraces and high table surfaces for good air flow and water drainage.

RICH SOIL

Wind, water and periodic volcanic activity were all important contributors to creating the near perfect growing conditions in the soil of Eastern Washington.

STONE CAPS

The rich soils of the Columbia Valley are often wind-blown, exposing the tops of the hills and ridgelines and leaving behind rocky “stone caps.”

COLUMBIA RIVER

The Columbia River creates ideal growing conditions by moderating the climate and creating cool summer and warm winter conditions.

RAIN SHIELD “THE SQUEEGEE”

The Cascades act as a squeegee, sheltering Eastern Washington from Seattle's wet maritime climate. Eastern Washington receives less than 8" of rain each year compared to 36" for Seattle, creating a consistent growing season of warm summer days and cool nights.

WASHINGTON AVA'S

EACH REGION IS DEFINED BY ITS UNIQUE CLIMATE, SOIL AND LANDSCAPE.
WASHINGTON HAS NINE DISTINCT AVA'S.

YAKIMA VALLEY

- Established 1985
- 40+ wineries, 10,000 planted acres
- Predominately Chardonnay, Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon
- Silt-loam soils
- 8" annual rainfall

COLUMBIA VALLEY

- Established 1984
- Largest AVA, 17,000 planted acres
- South facing slopes, shielded by "rain shadow" of the cascades
- Predominately Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon & Chardonnay
- 6-8" annual rainfall
- Includes Red Mountain, Yakima and Walla Walla AVA's

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

- Established 1984
- 55+ wineries, 1,200 planted acres
- Predominately Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Chardonnay & Syrah
- Fine, silty, windblown soils
- 12.5" annual rainfall

PUGET SOUND

- Established 1995
- 55 wineries, 80 planted acres
- Predominately Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir
- Long, mild and dry summers
- 15-30" annual rainfall (only AVA West of the Cascades)

RED MOUNTAIN

- Established 2001
- 10 wineries, 710 planted acres
- Predominately red varietals
- Good air, drainage and light soils
- 6-8" annual rainfall

COLUMBIA GORGE

- Established 2004
- 500 planted acres
- Predominately white varietals
- Marine influences from Columbia River meet dry air from Eastern Washington
- 18" annual rainfall

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

- Established 2005
- 4 wineries, 20 vineyards, 6,000 planted acres
- Predominately Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, Cabernet, Merlot & Syrah
- Borders Columbia River with steep, south facing slopes and silt-loam soils
- 8" annual rainfall

RATTLESNAKE HILLS

- Established 2006
- 17 wineries, 1,500 planted acres
- Predominately Cabernet, Malbec, Merlot, Syrah, Chardonnay & Riesling
- Hills running East to West along Yakima River
- 6-8" annual rainfall

WAHLUKE SLOPE

- Established 2006
- 5,200 planted acres
- Predominately Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet, Riesling, Chardonnay and Chenin Blanc
- Bound by Columbia River & Saddle Mountains, driest & warmest climate in the state
- 5" annual rainfall



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