



# GOOSE RIDGE

ESTATE WINERY

## 2008 ESTATE VIREO GOOSE RIDGE ESTATE VINEYARD COLUMBIA VALLEY

**GOOSE RIDGE ESTATE VINEYARDS AND WINERY** is a family-owned and operated winery dedicated to limited production, handcrafted wines from select, estate-grown grapes. The Monson family's vineyard is planted on a south-facing slope in Washington's Columbia Valley adjacent to Red Mountain that consistently yields rich, ripe grapes. The family has farmed in the Columbia Valley for four decades and is known for their commitment to quality. Goose Ridge Vineyard is built on that tradition.

### **WINEMAKER**

Acclaimed winemaker Kendall Mix has his pick of the vineyard. Fermenting and aging wines in small lots from a handful of blocks carefully selected for their exceptional character and complexity is exactly what the Monsons had in mind for Goose Ridge when they founded the winery in 1999.

### **VINEYARD**

When the family decided to plant grapes on a sun-drenched hill adjacent to Red Mountain, they did so under the guidance of Dr. Walter Clore, considered by many the "father" of the Washington wine industry. Dr. Clore was impressed by the site's gentle, south-facing slope and the growing area's warm temperatures. He encouraged the Monsons to plant vineyard rows north-to-south to maximize sun exposure, and he also advised the family to plant the site in small blocks to facilitate estate-grown wines managed for low yields through careful pruning and thinning practices. As a result of the vineyard's attention to detail, grapes ripen evenly and the wines are consistently ripe, rich and fruit-forward.

### **VINTAGE**

2008 was extremely hot early in the year into July. August cooled to the mid 80's and created nearly perfect growing conditions. The canopy was de-leafed by hand to allow for proper sun exposure and berry ripening. We hand thinned the fruit to maximize uniformity and flavor concentration.

### **WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES**

Our signature wine created from a blend of Merlot, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon. The power of the Cabernet Sauvignon is tempered with the elegance and finesse of Merlot, while the Syrah brings big jammy fruit flavors. The 2008 version has concentrated flavors of plum, black berry and cassis, with accents of cherry, spice and coffee. A rich round mid-palate transitions into a lingering spicy jammy finish.

Kendall Mix, Winemaker

**APPELLATION:** Columbia Valley

**BLEND:** 37% Merlot, 37% Syrah and 26% Cabernet Sauvignon

**TA:** .57 g/100ml

**pH:** 3.81

**ALCOHOL:** 14.8%



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