



GOOSE RIDGE E S T A T E W I N E R Y

2007 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 Charlie Hoppes 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

The 2007 vintage consisted of hot summer weather that gave way to cool conditions in mid-September, allowing Washington grape growers and winemakers to harvest grapes under ideal circumstances. When temperatures remained cool through October under clear skies, 2007 became a vintage when hang time counted for flavor, not alcohol.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2007 Vireo is a distinctive wine filled with flavors of blueberry, blackberry and vanilla. Notes of caramel and tobacco add depth and character. Vireo is elegant and velvety on the palate and has a long finish.

Charlie Hoppes
Consulting Winemaker

APPELLATION: Columbia Valley

BLEND: 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Syrah, 24% Merlot

TOTAL ACIDITY: .61

pH: 3.82

ALCOHOL: 14.6%

