

# SOL DUC

*Extraordinary Vineyard, Acclaimed Winemaker*

## *Sol Duc 1s*

Charlie Hoppes *Renowned Washington State Winemaker*  
Vineyard Designate *Goose Ridge Estate Vineyard*  
Highly Acclaimed Meritage

91 POINTS  
*Wine Spectator*

## 100 BEST WINES

of the Northwest

"Buy it when you see it - this wine sells out fast."

*Conde Cox, MW Candidate,  
Seattle Metropolitan Magazine*

### *Goose Ridge Estate Vineyard Columbia Valley, Washington*

Founded by the Monson Family under the guidance of Dr. Walter Clore, grapes grown on this gently sloped, south-facing site located adjacent to Red Mountain in the heart of the Columbia Valley are noted for their ripe, rich character. Winemaker Charlie Hoppes, working alongside the on-site viticulturist, identifies favorite blocks for preferential care throughout the growing season. Driven by a commitment to sound viticultural practices, fruit with exceptional character and complexity is attained through north to south row orientation for maximum sunlight exposure, managing crops for low yields, measured drip irrigation, and hand-pruned canopies for even ripening.



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## *Charlie Hoppes, Winemaker*

In 1984, Charlie Hoppes applied to the University of California at Davis, left his job as a test engineer at Boeing and began life as a full-time student in Northern California. After three years, he had a degree in viticulture and enology. Washington winemaker Mike Januik hired Hoppes in 1988 while he was making wines for Snoqualmie Winery. Stimson-Lane purchased the winery a few years later and Januik brought Hoppes with him to Chateau Ste Michelle. In 1993, Stimson-Lane opened its red wine facility at Canoe Ridge near Patterson, WA, not far from Columbia Crest Winery in Eastern Washington. Longing to work for a small wine label and produce wines from the ground up, Hoppes jumped at the chance to join a new Walla Walla winery, Three Rivers and made three vintages there-1999, 2000 and 2001. In 2002, Hoppes ventured out on his own to produce wine for a few premium Washington wineries and work on his own label - Fidelitas. He then partnered with Precept Wine Brands in 2006 to produce Sol Duc Meritage, sourced exclusively from the Goose Ridge Estate Vineyard, that Hoppes helped plant. Today, Hoppes has a long-standing relationship with the Monson Family and Goose Ridge Vineyard. With less than 500 cases of Sol Duc produced, Hoppes sets aside the best lots from the vineyard every year and is given Carte blanche to produce the best Meritage he can.

## *Varietals*

MERITAGE

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*A Bordeaux-style blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Malbec*

## *POS*

Tasting notes

Accolade shelf talkers

Accolade 8 ½" x 11"  
case talkers

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