

2014 BELLFLOWER MALBEC

RATTLESNAKE HILLS AVA, COLUMBIA RIVER VALLEY, WASHINGTON



THE WINE:

A 100% malbec from a single vineyard in the Rattlesnake Hills AVA of Washington's Columbia River Valley. The property sits on a plateau at about 1200 feet above sea level where the warm summer days are tempered with cool evenings and mornings. Winemaker Jerry Murray made 122 cases of this wine to showcase the potential of this often misunderstood Bordeaux varietal in the unique micro-climate of eastern Washington. The wine was barrel fermented and aged for 19 months in French oak (33% new and 67% one and two year old barrels) prior to being bottled in the summer of 2016.

BELLFLOWER WINES:

Bellflower Wines represent the collaboration between winemaker Jerry Murray and Quigley Fine Wines to produce world class wines in Oregon's Willamette Valley. Jerry Murray's winemaking resume includes Patton Valley Vineyards, Van Duzer Vineyards and his most recent position of winemaker at Domaine Anderson. His passion for the Pinot Noir varietal along with his overall winemaking philosophy make him a perfect partner for creating limited volume, sustainably produced wines in this very special region.

TASTING NOTES:

Color: glowing violet-purple

Aromas: smashed black plums and currants with raw cacao and hints of kirsch

Flavor & Texture: juicy and vibrant acids with deep blue and black berry fruit mingle with herbal and chocolate nuances

Food Pairing: spicy lamb with a Southern Indian curry

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