



**2005
Washington State
SANGIOVESE**

Creating

fine wines

from

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Washington State's 2005 grape harvest rang up record-breaking numbers with crush (according to the Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers) estimated at 116,760 tons, surpassing the industry's previous record of 115,000 tons in 2002.

Thanks to a perfect combination of warm summer months, cool autumn temperatures and a previous mild winter, the 2005 harvest yielded extremely high quality grapes. The crop was beautiful with many vines coming out of adolescence, bringing a maturity to the vintage not seen in recent years.

Mother Nature was definitely on our side, delivering one of the warmest summers we've had in recent years followed by a prolonged Indian summer, constant fall weather and a frost-free harvest. This allowed the fruit to hang on the vine longer to further develop and enhance the wonderful robust characteristics found only in Washington State wines. Concentrated flavors due to smaller berry sizes and cluster weights set 2005 apart as a stand-out quality vintage. While it's still too early to tell, early indications lead many to believe that 2005 could very well be the vintage of the decade so far for Washington state.

Today there are more than 360 Washington State wineries utilizing grapes from the state's 30,000+ acres of plantings. Latah Creek ranks near the 26th largest depending upon the source.



TASTING NOTES

Everyone who has tasted our Sangiovese is as excited about it as we are. Just saying the word "Sangiovese" conjures up thoughts of the wonderfully fruity Chianti wines produced in the Tuscany region of Italy. This extremely versatile red is a relative newcomer to the wine scene of Washington State having only been in production the last few years. The grapes for ours came from the same vineyards as our Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and occasional Syrah — the Wahluke Slope Vineyards in central Washington. This vineyard region continually produces some of the best wines in the state. The components seen in this Washington State Sangiovese are very typical of it's Tuscan cousin — wonderful berry-like fruit flavors combine with subtle Italian herbs, nice bright red/purple color, and aromas of cherry and cassia. Enjoy this wine as an everyday "house red" — it's a wonderful accompaniment with everything from game birds, pasta dishes and pizzas to pork roasts. I am especially intrigued by the lingering clove sensation that remains in the mouth long after the wine is gone.



WINE MAKING NOTES

Harvest date: October 4, 2005
Brix: 23.6 T.A.: .62 pH: 3.45
Vineyard: 100% Wahluke Slope Vineyards
Mattawa, Washington
Yeast: Prie de Mouse
Malolactic fermentation: 100% complete
Fining: none

