



*Handcrafted from grapes grown in the famous "Spice Bowl" region of Columbia Valley, Roza Hills Vineyard wines represent the finest expression of Washington winemaking*

## 2012 ROZA HILLS

# Roza Black Magic

### VARIETAL

54% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Cabernet Franc

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

<i>Winemaker</i> ..... James St. Clair	<i>pH</i> .....3.71
<i>Bottling Date</i> ..... April 9, 2015	<i>Residual Sugar</i> .....0%
<i>Cases Produced</i> ..... 73	<i>Tannin</i> .....512 mg/L
<i>Alcohol</i> ..... 13.8%	<i>CO2</i> .....0 ppm
<i>T.A.</i> ..... 5.9 g/L	

### TASTING NOTES

The Black Magic blend has distinct aromas of cherry on the nose, with undertones of vanilla, caramel, and chocolate. Fine grained tannins on the palate are backed up by flavors of cherry and blackberry. The fruit-forward finish is dominated by bright cherry flavors that linger on the palate. Pair this Black Magic red blend with a pepper-crusted roast beef tenderloin and lemon-garlic asparagus sauté.

### WINEMAKING

Ripe Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc grapes were harvested, crushed and de-stemmed, and then transferred to separate stainless steel bins where the juice was inoculated with a selected yeast strain. The wines were fermented at ~80oF for 14 days using punch-downs for gentle tannin extraction. Upon completion of primary and secondary fermentation, the wines were transferred to Barrels and aged for 30 months. The wine was then blended to tank for bottling, and was bottled unfiltered in April of 2014.

### VINEYARD & VINTAGE

*Vineyard: Roza Hills Vineyard / AVA: Rattlesnake Hills*

The 2012 vintage was a near perfect growing season for the Rattlesnake Hills AVA. Average to slightly above average temperatures throughout the spring, summer, and fall allowed for consistent and even ripening throughout Washington State. Red varietals came off the vines about 1 weeks later than normal. This produced very nice, balanced fruit, along with excellent acid retention for overall wine balance. The 2012 Roza Black Magic Red Blend shows excellent concentrated red fruit flavors, with an intriguing nose, smooth palate, and fruit forward finish.