



KAMIAK

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2010 Kamiak Rock Lake Red

COLUMBIA VALLEY

- **Composition:** 88% Merlot, 8% Syrah, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon
- **Aging:** 34 months in French & American oak barrels
- **pH:** 3.57
- **T.A.:** 6.3 g/L
- **Alcohol:** 13.8%

VINTAGE

2010 Rock Lake Red began life in one of the coldest years in recent memory. Toward the end of August, later than we had ever seen, our grapes were just beginning to go through veraison, the change from hard green berries to soft plump fruit. With doubt looming, our prayers were finally answered when a beautiful Indian summer came upon us in September. We had a week of +80°F weather and a week of +70°F, and the grapes finished their ripening nicely. The result was fruit of exceptional character with an excellent balance of acidity and ripeness.

WINEMAKING

Careful selection of individual wines provides Kamiak with its unique character. All the grapes are harvested in ½ ton bins, then carefully de-stemmed and crushed. The must is gently pumped to open-top fermenters and allowed to macerate for 24 hours prior to yeast inoculation. Each yeast strain is selected to highlight the individual characteristics of the specific grape. Once fermentation is completed, the wines are pressed off, separating the wine from the remaining skins and seeds. The wine is then settled and racked twice prior to going to barrels. This allows any remaining plant material to settle out in tank while retaining the fresh fruity character and easy drinkability of the Kamiak Red. The wines are then allowed to age in a mix of French and American oak barrels, with just a touch of new oak for character. After months of barrel age the individual wines are chosen and blended into the final Kamiak Red cuvee.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

The interplay of three grapes come together in the 2010 Rock Lake Red to make an extraordinary wine. Aromas of chocolate covered cherries with hints of cinnamon waft from the glass. On the palate the wine is soft and supple with flavors of raspberries and vanilla bean. The finish is long and lingering with a dusting of cocoa powder. The combined elements make the 2010 Rock Lake Red an excellent companion to a meal or enjoyable as an aperitif.

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