

Barons

2011 Petit Barone

Vintage Notes: 2011 is a cool vintage in Washington State. Many vineyards had frost damage during the winter. The summer was cool, with some vineyards recording their latest harvest on record. The grapes fully ripened expressing full, rich flavors with moderate acidity levels and low pHs, a measure of tartness. This combination is unusual and leads to pleasurable balance and longevity in the wines.

Tasting: Our 2011 Petit Barone has a dark red/black color, with impressive saturation. In the glass, the density of the wine is immediately apparent and it offers up aromas of black cassis and cherry fruits, Tahitian vanilla and other exotic spices. Once on the palate, the richness alluded to by the density is confirmed, with supple, sweet tannins gliding past loads of blackberry and currant juices. Full-bodied and broad in the mouth, the finish is long and full of flavor. Quite delicious now, it will continue to develop for 3-5 years, and will likely drink well through 2025 (and beyond), should you choose to lay it down in your cellar.

Vintage: 2011

pH: 3.72

AVA: Columbia Valley

Acidity: 5.8 g/L

Composition:

49% Cab Sauv
32% Merlot
17% Cab Franc
2% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 14.1%

Vineyards:

Bel'Villa
Conner Lee
Hedges Estate
Stillwater Creek

Winemaking:

24 months in barrel;
50% New
50% Neutral
American & French Oak

Production: 1150 cases

Release: May 2014

Aging: 7-10 years



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