

# BROWNE

FAMILY VINEYARDS

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## 2013 TRIBUTE RED WINE

### VINTAGE NOTE

The warmest vintage in a decade, 2013's growing season cooled off just in time for harvest, and picking proceeded at a normal pace starting at the end of August. Total tonnage, approximately 220,000 tons, was up easily five percent over 2012, a record for Washington State. With a warm 2013 vintage, growers spread out canopies a bit more than usual and adjusted crop sizes to achieve a good balance of acidity and phenolic ripeness. Mother Nature made picking advantageous; varieties reached ripeness at different times, allowing crews a well-phased, thoughtfully-planned harvest.

### WINEMAKING

Hand selected rows from Skyfall, Mirage, Alder Ridge, Weinbau and Canyon Vineyard Ranch vineyards from the Columbia Valley AVA are the foundation for this red wine. After primary fermentation in open tanks the wine components were aged in barrel in individual varietal and vineyard block lots for 16 months. After blending the wine was aged for another 6 months in barrel to allow the wine to harmonize into a seamless blend.

### TASTING NOTE

This silky red blend offers big fruit flavors and well-integrated, velvety tannins. Aromatics of pipe tobacco, leather and dark fruit layer with ripe boysenberry flavors and a hint of black pepper. The finish lingers with blackberry jam and toasty, graphite back notes. Pair with rosemary-and peppercorn-crust pork loin, lamb burgers or a grilled Portobello sandwich.

### CELLARING

Crafted as a cellar worthy wine; enjoy now or cellar for up to ten years.

2012 - **94 POINTS** - *Critics Challenge 2015*

2011 - **94 POINTS** - *Tasting Panel*

2010 - **90 POINTS** - *Wine Enthusiast*

2009 - **90 POINTS** - *Wine Enthusiast*

### BLEND

38% Merlot, 32% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Malbec, 11% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 3% Syrah

### APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

### GRAPE SOURCE

Skyfall, Mirage, Alder Ridge, Weinbau, Waterbrook Estate, Klipsun, Blackrock, Canyon Vineyard Ranch

### VINTAGE

2013

### WINEMAKER

John Freeman

### HARVEST DATE

Sept. 30–Nov. 3, 2013

### YEAST

Pasteur Red / Premier Cuvee

### AGED

22 months

### OAK

35% new French oak, 65% second- and third-use mixed oak

### BOTTLED

Sept. 8–9, 2015

TA PH  
6.0 g/l 3.67

### ALC.

13.85%

### CASES PRODUCED

7,182

“A TRIBUTE TO MY SONS, PAVIN & RILEY”

- Andrew Browne