



2002 Roussanne
Red Mountain

Composition:	100% Roussanne
Vineyard:	Ciel du Cheval
Harvest Date:	Sept. 13, 2002
Alcohol:	14.3%
Titratable Acid:	.64g/100ml
pH:	3.37
Bottling:	August 21, 2003 150 cases

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Roussanne, one of the six white Rhône grapes, is a relative newcomer to Washington State. Orange and peach blossom aromas and flavors are characteristic of the variety. This is our first release of varietal Roussanne from Jim Holmes's renowned Ciel du Cheval Vineyard on Red Mountain.

2002 was another very warm vintage in Washington State, much like '98, '00 and '01. In spite of a few strong heat spikes in June, grapes were harvested relatively late throughout the season. Although sugar levels indicated ripeness, we waited for the fruit flavors to develop fully. As a result, many wines from this vintage will be lush and fruit-forward with slightly higher alcohols, balanced by greater fruit intensity, tannins and excellent acidity.

A pioneer of Rhône varietals in Washington State, Winemaker Doug McCrea transforms grapes from the finest Yakima Valley, Red Mountain and Columbia Valley vineyards into wines of extraordinary depth, balance, complexity and finesse. Annual Production: 3400 cases of Syrah, Viognier, Grenache, Mourvedre, Roussanne, Cunoise and Chardonnay.

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