



**2005 Roussanne
Ciel du Cheval Vineyard
Red Mountain**

Composition:	86% Roussanne 14% Viognier
Vineyard:	Ciel du Cheval, Red Mountain
Harvest date:	September 12, 2005
Alcohol:	14.1%
pH:	3.6
Titrateable Acid:	4.3 gm/litre
Bottling:	June 7, 2006 348 cases

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Roussanne, one of the six white Rhône grapes of Châteauneuf du Pape, is a relative newcomer to Washington State. Orange and peach blossom aromas and flavors are characteristic of the variety. After gentle whole-cluster press, the juice was fermented in stainless tank. A portion of Viognier was added to lift and brighten the blend.

The 2005 vintage was a perfect combination of a frost-free spring, an even, warm summer, and a protracted 'Indian summer' -- virtually ideal conditions for excellent wine grapes. The extra hang time produced mature, concentrated flavors and the season's ideal weather resulted in small berry size. 2005 will stand as one of the most outstanding vintages in the industry's history.

Washington's Rhône varietal pioneer, Doug McCrea transforms grapes from the finest Columbia Valley vineyards into wines of extraordinary depth, balance, complexity and finesse. Annual Production: 4000 cases of Syrah, Viognier, Grenache, Mourvèdre, Roussanne and Counoise.

88 [points - Wine Enthusiast](#) "The cuttings came from Tablas Creek's Beaucastel vines and were planted on Red Mountain in 1999. They are just now coming into their flavor years. This is young, yeasty and fleshy with flavors of citrus and stone fruits. I like the texture and balance, the vivid acids underpinning the clean fruit, and the hint of butterscotch wrapping up the finish."

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