



2006 Sirocco Blanc
Boushey Lower County Line Road Vineyard
Yakima Valley

Composition:	38% Grenache Blanc 34% Marsanne 15% Picpoul 13% Roussanne
Harvest dates:	Sep 14 & Oct 23, 2006
Alcohol:	14.1%
pH:	3.4
Titrateable Acid:	6.4 gm/litre
Bottling:	June 1, 2007 234 cases

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

What a thrill in 2004 when Dick Boushey, one of Washington's finest growers, informed us he was developing a new vineyard on lower County Line road in Grandview and asked if we'd like him to plant some new Rhône varietals for us! We've wanted a white counterpart to Sirocco, blended in the style of Châteauneuf du Pape. So we sourced these four exquisite whites from Beaucastel cuttings at Tablas Creek (along with Cinsault and Clone C Syrah). So far as we know, the acre each of Grenache Blanc and Picpoul are the only in the State, making this a totally unique offering from Washington.

A classic case of "the whole is greater than the sum of the parts" — these four wines, all fermented in mostly neutral French oak barrels, are interesting and distinctive by themselves but superbly enhance one-another in the blend. This delicious wine is a favorite of many chefs and has been our fastest-moving new release ever.

2006 was a very warm year overall, one of the top three or four in the past ten years. It began with a cool and wet spring that gave way to a long, rather hot summer, resulting in early sugar maturation. Early fall brought cooler weather towards mid-September, helping to extend hang time and sustain good acidity. The sugar to pH ratio was in a fairly typical range, but acids were somewhat higher. Overall, the red wines have good color and depth while the whites are displaying intense fruit flavors. The vintage promises to be very good.

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: 3500 cases of Syrah, Viognier, Grenache, Mourvèdre, Roussanne, Grenache Blanc, Picpoul, Cinsault, Marsanne and Counoise.

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