

# 2007 *Brimstone* Columbia Valley



Cassis, berries, ripe red plums and pomegranate show brightly in the nose, complemented by moderate smoke and spice from barrel aging along with attractive roasted coffee bean notes. The medium-full body unfolds to expose layers of plum, berry and dark chocolate flavors completed by a long, solid finish kissed with oak. A heavenly partner with food—from grilled burgers, southern-style barbecue ribs to *boeuf bourguignonne*.

<b>Winemaker</b>	Rich Cushman
<b>Origin</b>	Columbia Valley AVA
<b>Blend</b>	52% Syrah 25% Merlot 18% Cabernet Sauvignon 5% Pinot Noir
<b>Harvest Date</b>	October 2-27, 2007
<b>Average Ripeness:</b>	24.5 brix, 3.70 pH, 6.0 g/l
<b>Fermentation</b>	Destemmed, four-seven days cold soak, punched down by hand twice a day, pressed just before or at dryness, transferred to 18% new American, 10% 1-year old American barrels, the balance were neutral French barrels. Racked and returned to barrels late winter.
<b>Bottling</b>	September 25, 2008
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.9 %
<b>Total Acidity</b>	5.8 g/l
<b>pH at bottling</b>	3.71
<b>Production</b>	1407 cases / 72 3-liter jugs
<b>Date released</b>	October 22, 2008



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