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Columbia Valley

2003 “Ottimo” (Barrel Select Cabernet Sauvignon)

WINEMAKER NOTES

Blend: 95.3% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3.2 %Merlot,
1.5% Petit Verdot
Alcohol 14.8% , pH 3.71, TA .62 g/100ml
47 cases produced

The 2003 Ottimo is a full bodied Cabernet marked with heady aromas of black cherry, blackberry syrup, cassis, and coffee bean in addition to sweet tobacco, vanilla, and spice with a hint of violets on the edge. A firm concentrated entry segues to rich flavors of blue and black berries, with anise and dark chocolate balancing on a touch of cedar. The finish is noted for it's creamy, spicy and subtly toasty characteristic. Petite Verdot brings about an edge of complexity and flare to this blend in the nose and palate that leaves you wanting for more.

Hillary Sjolund
Associate Winemaker

Fermentation Notes: All our reds are made in the gravity flow style with the intent of producing soft, supple wines with smooth texture. All the wines are aged 24 months in French Oak, both traditional chateau and export barrels, and racked quarterly from barrel to barrel. The wines are lightly fined with fresh egg whites with no filtering.

