



100% WHOLE CLUSTER PRESSED

30% NEW BARRELS

100% FRENCH OAK



Harvest Date
October 11, 2024

Cases Produced
1400

Price
\$35.00 plus tax & deposit

pH
3.56

Total Acidity
7.06 g/L

R.S.
0.1 g/L

Alcohol
14.0%

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DISCRETIONARY TRUST 2024

INSIDER TIP: Blind taste the Blind Trust before peeling back the capsule to reveal this year's varietals.

Vintage and sourcing notes

The 2024 vintage was significantly impacted by an intense winter frost, resulting in the loss of nearly our entire red-wine crop. As a result, we did not produce red wine from our own vineyards that year. However, we had the opportunity to visit several exceptional vineyards in Washington State and work closely with local growers to source outstanding fruit for this wine. Because it is not made from grapes grown in our usual vineyards, we have renamed Blind Trust the Discretionary Trust as a transparent reflection of its origin. We also produced Portfolio in 2024, crafted from grapes sourced from trusted partner vineyards in Washington State. We are proud to stand behind the quality of both wines—quality that reflects the standards you have come to expect from us over the past 20 years.

~ Sébastien Lafortune, Estate Manager

Wine Profile

A blind trust is a financial trust in which the executors have full discretion over the assets, and the trust beneficiaries have no knowledge of the holdings of the trust. In this case, our Blind Trust is a wine in which the winemaker has full discretion over the blend, so you'll just have to trust us. The Blind Trust is the second label of our Bordeaux inspired blend. Its robust taste profile and affordable pricing make it a solid investment.

Tasting Notes

Always a secretive blend, the 2024 vintage offers a fruit-forward mix of red and black fruits with cocoa powder and leather undertones. Dark purple in the glass, this unique blend has aromas of chocolate covered cherries and Italian Plums. The palate offers a mix of fresh raspberry and red plum along with a mix of stewed fruits and graphite. The tannins are bold yet well-integrated into

the fruit, making this wine approachable now, while still offering the structure for cellaring. Enjoy now or hold until your investment has fully matured. Drink between 2027-2036

Winemaking notes

Our winemaking choices for this vintage include whole cluster pressing for a fresh fruit profile and partial malolactic fermentation to provide a soft, round texture on the palate. Much of our winemaking approach relies on blending which brings together the unique characteristics of each varietal and creates layers of flavours and complexity. As well, we employ a range of fermenting strategies including neutral French oak barrels which accounted for 70% of the blend and aged for 20 months. The remaining 30% was aged in new French oak. If you want to blind taste the Blind Trust, read no further. Spoiler alert: 55% Cabernet Sauvignon 28% Merlot, 14% Malbec, 2% Syrah, 1% Petit Verdot.



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