



Harvest Date
Began October 15, 2024

Ageing
20 months in French
oak barrels, 40% new

Cases Produced
1600

Price
\$55.00 plus tax & deposit
(750ml)

pH
3.61

Acidity
6.84 g/L

R.S.
0.41 g/L

Alcohol
14.5%

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ALSO AVAILABLE

Magnum \$130.00 plus tax & deposit

Double Magnum \$240.00 plus tax & deposit

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 Portfolio The Big Short as a transparent reflection of its origin. We also produced Blind Trust Red 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

The growing season in Southern Washington began cool and wet, followed by a warm spring and hot summer, with temperatures slightly above average. Harvest began slightly later than usual, but the vintage was ultimately described as refreshingly normal. Temperatures cooled as harvest approached, and favourable weather allowed for extended hang time. The resulting wines show concentration and structure while retaining balance.

Wine Profile

Like a finely balanced stock portfolio, creating a successful blend requires finesse, judgement and a clear understanding of how each component contributes to the whole. The result should be greater than the sum of its parts. The Big Short marries the art and science of winemaking through a carefully considered blend of Bordeaux varietals. For the past 20 years, this wine—formerly known as Portfolio—has routinely earned top accolades from wine competitions and critics alike: a

proven chart-topper. This vintage opens with bold aromas of blackberry and cassis, followed by subtle notes of dried red currant. After an hour in the decanter, floral notes of violet and potpourri emerge. The palate is juicy and layered, offering cassis and black cherry alongside cocoa powder, slate and plum compote. Fine-grained tannins and a textured mouthfeel make the wine approachable now, while its concentration and structure suggest excellent cellaring potential. Drink 2027–2037.

Winemaking notes

The 2024 blend combines 60% Merlot, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Petit Verdot to create a multilayered, complex wine. The grapes were meticulously sorted using double sorting tables—first by cluster, then by berry—to ensure that only the finest fruit was selected. Whole berries were fermented in stainless-steel tanks, followed by 20 months of aging in French oak barrels: 40% new oak and 60% second-fill oak.

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