



2001 *Columbia Rediviva*
65% CABERNET SAUVIGNON & 35% SYRAH
COLUMBIA VALLEY

Caleb Foster and Nina Buty Foster are pleased to introduce our long-awaited blend of cabernet sauvignon and syrah—Rediviva. We have been designing this blend since 1999, when we began the initial planning for Buty. Rediviva is to be the volumetric centerpiece of the winery, and it is an exciting blend for Washington State comprised of two intriguing varietals. Buty is the first Washington winery to focus on blends of cabernet sauvignon and syrah.

Columbia Rediviva is comprised of cabernet sauvignon grown at Champoux Vineyard and syrah grown at Boushey Vineyard. Planted in 1997 in silt-loam dominated soils, the Champoux Vineyard cabernet sauvignon lies above the Columbia River on Phinney Hill, close enough for the warmth of the river to help mitigate freeze damage during the region's potentially harsh winters and spring cold snaps. Sand-loam dominated soils support plantings from 1999 of Phelps clone syrah at Boushey Vineyard. The cooler climate of the Yakima Valley preserves its balanced acidity.

Harvested by hand on October 4th, the cabernet sauvignon was physiologically ripe. Natural sugars of 24.7°brix made a natural blend of 13.8% alcohol coupled with the 24.5°brix measurement of the syrah. The syrah was harvested on October 3rd. The cabernet sauvignon was fermented on skins for seventeen days, and the syrah for fifteen days. Aged in 50% new French barrels, the remainder in maturing wood, we blended, filtered, and bottled in the second year on July 9, 2003. Fruit centric flavors of marionberry, black cherry and persistent roses fill the nose and palate. The firm acids are clean and connect with smooth tannins. Although it is quite approachable now, we are confident this wine will have quite a long life in your cellar.

Captain Robert Gray sailed his ship, *Columbia Rediviva*, up the river that now bears her name in 1792, while searching for the elusive Northwest Passage. As the river that connects all of the vineyards we work with at Buty, the Columbia is a lifeline we honor as the namesake of our *Columbia Rediviva* wine.

Three hundred twenty four cases were bottled. *Columbia Rediviva* was released September 1, 2004.