



2003 *Columbia Rediviva*
61% CABERNET SAUVIGNON & 29% SYRAH
COLUMBIA VALLEY

The *Columbia Rediviva* is the volumetric centerpiece of Buty. It is an exciting and exotic blend from Washington State comprised of two classic varietals. We are the first Washington winery to focus on blends of cabernet sauvignon and syrah as deluxe wines. We are pleased others are following our lead.

Columbia Rediviva is sourced from the Phinny Hill area of the Horse Heaven Hills appellation. Planted in 1997 in silt-loam soils, the Champoux Vineyard cabernet sauvignon lies above the Columbia River along side Phinny Hill. The 1997 plantings of block #3 cabernet are the same clone of cabernet as the old block #1 and #2 at Champoux Vineyard. The syrah is grown on the hilltop in sandy silt-loam soils which lay above a shallow lense of cobblestones from the pre-Ice Age Columbia River. The Phinny Hill Vineyard on the eastern hillside is developing cabernet and syrah for expansion of the *Columbia Rediviva* in the same microclimate. This will help assure consistency of character as we evolve and develop this wine.

Harvested by hand on October 3rd, the Champoux Vineyard cabernet sauvignon was physiologically ripe at 25.2° brix. The syrah was harvested on September 25th at 26.1° brix. The cabernet was fermented on skins for seventeen days, and the syrah for nine days. We chose one American cooper for the wine and aged it in 45% new barrels from November 2003 to bottling. The remaining barrels are mature French oak. We blended, filtered, and bottled in the second year on August 20th, 2005. The nose opens with sweet fruits, cinnamon and brown sugar. Exotic flavors of blended fruits fill the palate and follow through the long finish. The naturally firm acids are clean and connect with smooth tannins. While it is quite approachable now, we know this wine will have a long life in your cellar of twenty years or more. Nonetheless, Champoux Vineyard wines develop their perfume fully by the seventh year of age and remain youthful until twelve years old.

Columbia Rediviva was the name of the ship Captain Robert Gray sailed up the mouth of the then unnamed river while searching for the elusive Northwest Passage in 1792. As it is 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 and fifty five cases were bottled. *Columbia Rediviva* was released September 1, 2006.