



2005 *Columbia Rediviva*
59% CABERNET SAUVIGNON & 41% SYRAH
HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

The *Columbia Rediviva* is the growing centerpiece of Buty. It is a captivating and exotic blend from Washington State comprised of two classic varietals. Buty was the first Washington winery to focus on blends of cabernet sauvignon and syrah as deluxe wines. We are pleased others are following our lead in pursuing this lovely blend.

Columbia Rediviva is sourced from the Phinny Hill area of the Horse Heaven Hills appellation. One of the warmest sites in Washington, Phinny Hill consistently grows wines of full ripeness and textural development. The 1997 Champoux Vineyard cabernet sauvignon plantings in Block #3 are the same clone of cabernet as the Old Block #1 and #2 at Champoux Vineyard. The syrah is grown on the hilltop of Phinny Hill in sandy silt-loam soils which lay above a shallow deposit of cobblestones from the pre-Ice Age Columbia River. Our Estate vines of Phinny Hill Vineyard on the eastern hillside are developing cabernet and syrah for expansion of the *Columbia Rediviva* in the same microclimate. This assures consistency of character as we evolve and develop this wine.

Harvested by hand on October 15th, the Champoux Vineyard cabernet sauvignon was physiologically ripe at 25.8 brix and pH of 3.55. The syrah was harvested on September 25th at 26.3 brix and pH of 3.65. The cabernet was fermented on skins for twenty days, and the syrah for eleven days. We chose one American cooper for the wine and aged it in 60% new barrels until bottling in August 2007. The remaining barrels are mature French oak. Focusing this great vintage in the cellar, our final cellar blend allowed for a smaller bottling due to stricter selection of the best lots. The nose opens with sweet fruits, cream brulée, and syrah's pepper notes. Powerful extracted fruits fill the palate and follow through the long finish. The naturally firm acids are clean and connect with smooth tannins. In my 16 year experience making Champoux cabernets this is the best vintage. Champoux cabernets develop their perfume fully by the seventh year of age and great vintages remain youthful until fifteen years old. I know from experience since the 1989 vintage, this wine will have a long life in your cellar of twenty years or more.

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 the river that connects all of the vineyards we work with at Buty, the Columbia River is a lifeline we honor as the namesake of our *Columbia Rediviva* wine.

Three hundred forty cases were bottled and released September 1, 2008.