

**:NOTA BENE CELLARS**

*Fine Red Wines from Washington State*

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# 2003 VINTAGE RELEASE

*Proudly presenting new wines from Nota Bene Cellars*

**2003 ABBINARE : WASHINGTON STATE .....\$25**

*The linking of vineyards and varietals from around the state is captured in our blend called Abbinare...Italian for "link together". Note the fruit and finesse of Arianses Vineyard dominate this wine. We thank wine grower Bruce Zuser for skillful care in the vineyard throughout the year, but let's not fail to notice the remaining components that bring this wine together.*

Bottled on 8/20/05; 200 cases were produced.

51% Merlot (Arianses Vineyard)  
37% Cabernet Sauvignon (19% Alder Creek, 18% Portteus)  
7% Cabernet Franc (Portteus Vineyard)  
5% Petit Verdot (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)

This wine was aged for 23 months in oak barrels; 63% new oak, 51% new French oak, including Saury, TDC, and Alain Fouquet Margaux Style.

**2003 CIEL DU CHEVAL VINEYARD : RED MOUNTAIN .....\$27**

*This wine is equal parts Cab and Merlot from one of the most exciting vineyards in the state. The Petit Verdot was wonderful this year...can you tell our winemaker, Tim Narby, felt compelled to load as much as he could into this wonderful vineyard designated blend. Petit Verdot contributes much to the deep color and floral notes of this wine.*

Bottled on 8/14/05; 150 cases were produced.

34% Cabernet Sauvignon  
34% Merlot  
16% Cabernet Franc  
16% Petit Verdot

This wine was aged for 23 months in oak barrels; 84% new oak, 68% new Saury French oak, 16% new Euro from Alain Fouquet.

**2003 MISCELA : WASHINGTON STATE .....\$26**

*Merlot dominates our Miscela again this year with contributions from 6 different vineyards from around the state. True to the spirit of this wine...Miscela is Italian for "blend"...we see how grapes from these diverse vineyards can come together to make a satisfying Bordeaux blend.*

Bottled on 8/21/05; 175 cases were produced.

53% Merlot (33% Conner Lee Vineyard, 20% Artz Vineyard)  
29% Cabernet Sauvignon (24% Champoux Vineyard, 3% Portteus, 2% Alder Creek)  
12% Cabernet Franc (Portteus Vineyard)  
6% Petit Verdot (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)

This wine was aged for 23 months in oak barrels; 69% new oak, 50% new French oak, 31% Saury, 13% Vicard Prestige, 13% Saury Euro, 13% TDC Euro.

**2003 SYRAH : WASHINGTON STATE .....\$26**

*Our 3 vineyards Syrah is blended to showcase this new winning varietal from Washington State. The grapes are sourced from Portteus, Stillwater Creek, and Stone Tree Vineyards to capture 3 of our best microclimates in one beautiful bottle. Touches of Bordeaux varietals were added to extend the mid palate and round out this blend.*

Bottled on 8/13/05; 150 cases were produced.

83% Syrah (33% Portteus Vineyard, 33% Stillwater Creek, 17% Stone Tree)  
9% Merlot (6% Conner Lee Vineyard, 3% Artz Vineyard)  
5% Cabernet Sauvignon (4% Champoux Vineyard, 1% Portteus Vineyard)  
2% Cabernet Franc (Portteus Vineyard)  
1% Petit Verdot (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)

This wine was aged for 23 months in oak barrels; 50% new oak, 33% Hungarian and Euro blend.

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