

"The Magician's Assistant"

Columbia Valley ~ 100% Cabernet Franc

The 2009 Magician's Assistant Rosé was made using Cabernet Franc grapes from both Chelle den Millie Vineyard and Blackrock Vineyard, both located in the South East corner of the Yakima Valley AVA. Picked early to retain acids and to keep the sugars lower, we crushed the grapes to allow the juice to sit on the skins for a very short maceration, and then pressed to neutral French oak barrels, where the juice fermented for a period of 30 days in a cool barrel room. The resulting wine is coral pink in color, and has aromas of fresh cut melon, strawberries, and minerals. In the mouth, it is dry, crisp, and driven by more of the watermelon and red berry flavors. This is a serious rose' that will age for a few years, but that is not why we make it! We want you to have a great summer sipper to share and enjoy with friends!

Vineyards: Chelle den Millie Vineyard and Blackrock Vineyard Alc. 13.2%; pH 3.39; TA .73 g/100mL; R.S. 0.12 g/100mL