

BARNARD GRIFFIN

ESTD.  1983

2014 Rob's Red Blend— Washington State

Harvested: September, 2014

Date of first Bottling: February, 2016

Varietal Composition: 53% Merlot, 33 % Cab, 8% Syrah , 6% Malbec

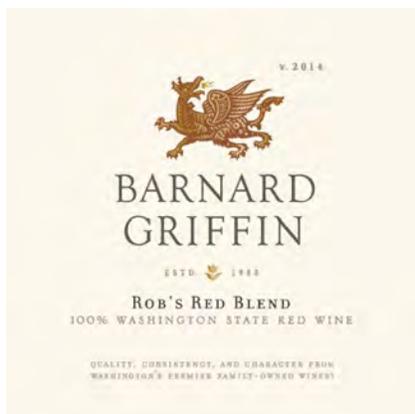
Vintage Notes: The 2014 growing season was punctuated by extreme heat in mid-summer and a marvelous sunny September. Our region was warm from start to finish and had little rainfall to deter us. The consistency of the season allowed us to capture as many heat units as we could manage. Harvest happened upon us early- we brought in Sagemoor Block 6 Sauvignon Blanc on August 24th (a record!), weeks before we've started in years past. It was a slow start- a few whites trickling in over the next weeks until we hit our stride with Chardonnay in mid-September. Merlot and Syrah came in shortly after that and we wrapped in late October with the Cabernet Sauvignons. Expect 2014 wines to have solid acidity, big flavor and ripe richness.

Winemaking: Pump-overs 2-3 times daily; pressed at 2-6% sugar; peak fermentation temperature 85 degrees; aged 15 months in old and new European oak barrels and oak wine vats

Malolactic status: 100% malolactic positive **Alcohol:** 13.6% **wine pH:** 3.8 **wine total acidity:** .72 **Residual Sugar:** .35% (dry)

Winemaker's Comments: This delicious red blend features a dense, rich mouthfeel laced with alluring notes of cherry, plum and dark chocolate. Intriguing accents of oak spice, cinnamon and a hint of nutmeg linger on the long finish. A wonderful wine for an everyday red or to serve at your next barbecue.


Rob Griffin, Proprietor-Winemaker



Founded in 1983 by Rob Griffin and Deborah Barnard, Barnard Griffin has been producing Award Winning wines for over 30 years. Barnard Griffin Winery is situated in south-central Washington at the confluence of the Yakima, Columbia, and Snake rivers, in the heart of Washington State's wine country. Stop by the winery and visit our Tasting Room as well as our Wine Bar and Eatery in Richland, Washington to sample our award winning wines today.

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Rob's Red Blend is named after our winemaker and owner, Rob Griffin. Rob has been making wine in Washington State since 1977, longer than any other winemaker in Washington state.

This intriguing new blend of Cabernet, Merlot, Malbec and Syrah is sure to please even the most discerning palate.

Current Press:

88pts/Best Buy | Wine Enthusiast

Past Press: NA



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Cabernet-Merlot Blend 31- COLUMBIA VALLEY

Quantity bottled: 8000 cases

Vineyard Locations and AVA's : Alder Ridge Vineyard (Horse Heaven Hills), Sagemoor Vineyard (Columbia Valley), Black Rock Vineyard (Yakima Valley), Crawford Vineyard (Yakima Valley), Caroway Vineyard (Columbia Valley), Lonesome Spring Ranch (Yakima Valley).

Vintage Notes: After the extremely challenging (and ultimately rewarding) vintages of 2010 and 2011, 2012 was a welcome and gratifying relief. 2012 was not too cool, not too hot, but in aggregate it was 'just right', a Goldilocks season! The growing year started with early warmth in the spring, followed by a surprisingly cool early summer, culminating with a hot mid-summer and an almost perfect fall. I've learned over the years that the single necessity for a fully ripe season is early warm weather that sets vine growth. If bud break is late and the spring too cool, vines have to play catch-up and never really get to the intense maturity we crave. Cool seasons favor the vegetal and herbal range of flavors whereas a warm year, like 2012, favors the fruit side of the flavor spectrum.

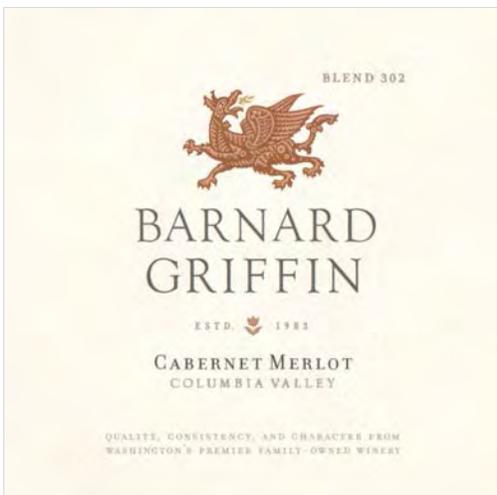
Varietal Composition: 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Franc

Winemaking: Pump overs 2-3 time daily; pressed at 2-6% sugar; peak fermentation temperature 85 degrees; aged in old and new European oak barrels.

Malolactic status: 100% malolactic positive

Winemaker's Comments: "A great nose of vanilla, spice, dried fruit, herb, and raspberries. Straightforward plum, cherry, and orange fruit on the palate. Round and approachable with a supple texture."


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CABERNET-MERLOT BLEND 31

Varietal Composition: 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot
14% Cabernet Franc

Aging: 12 months in new and used European Oak barrels.

Cases produced: 8000

Vineyard Locations and AVA's : Alder Ridge Vineyard (Horse Heaven Hills), Sagemoor Vineyard (Columbia Valley), Black Rock Vineyard (Yakima Valley), Crawford Vineyard (Yakima Valley), Caroway Vineyard (Columbia Valley), Lonesome Spring

Current Press:

Blend 31: NA

Past Press:

NVCM: 87pts Wine Enthusiast



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