



2010 Fidelitas Optu Red Mountain

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TASTING NOTES

2010 marks the beginning of a new era as the signature red blend of Fidelitas moves to Red Mountain. Sourced entirely from the region we call home, the wine shines a brilliant ruby tone. Aromas of red cherry and strawberry swirl with tobacco and black pepper. These are confirmed on the palate with the addition of cranberry tones, cedar and dried herbs. The mouthfeel is juicy and supple, set within fine tannins. Drink now through 2022.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

53% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot

VINEYARDS

Red Mountain Vineyard, in the heart of the Red Mountain AVA provides all of the Cabernet Franc (12%), most of the Merlot (41%), and some of the Cabernet Sauvignon (18%). The remaining portion of Merlot comes from Klipsun Vineyard, with its southwestern facing slopes. Hightower Vineyard completes the Cabernet Sauvignon portion of the blend, from higher elevations on the mountain, while the splash of Petit Verdot is sourced entirely from Ciel du Cheval Vineyard.

VINTAGE

The 2010 vintage proved to be one of the coolest growing seasons on record, creating challenges yet great promise in the wines. A cool, wet spring was followed by moderate temperatures throughout the summer, creating lower than usual yields for naturally high acidity and excellent concentration in the fruit. The temperatures warmed up by September and continued with sunshine all the way through the final ripening season for bright fruit tones in the wines.

VINIFICATION and AGING

All fruit for Fidelitas is hand picked and sorted in the vineyard. At the winery, grapes are destemmed and crushed directly into small fermentation tanks where the must is punched down three times daily for an average of seven days. Upon completion of fermentation, the wine is gently pressed off and immediately put into barrel, where it undergoes malolactic fermentation. While aging in oak barrels, the wines are racked quarterly to naturally clarify the wine. The 2010 Red Mountain Optu Red Wine has been aged in 70% new French Oak, 12% new American Oak for 24 months.

RELEASE DATE

May 2013, 385 cases

ALCOHOL

14.4% alcohol by volume

