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2009 Purple Hands Oregon Red Blend

Tasting Notes:

Texturally silky and creamy, the raspberry red fruit medley dance across a chocolate backbone finishing in dark fruit, red licorice and anise lingering on a caramel periphery.

Technical Data:

Blend Composition: 15% Pinot Noir Holstein Vineyard, Dundee Hills AVA
10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Syrah, 40% Merlot: Del Rio Vineyard, Rogue Valley AVA

Harvest: Hand picked Pinot Noir: 9/29/09, Cab Sauv, Syrah, and Merlot: 10/08/09

Fermentation: 90% destemmed into small open-top 1 1/4 ton fermentors

6 day cold soak at 56 F, 15 day fermentation, with punchdowns 2 times a day, peak temp 90 F,
No post maceration

Ageing: 10 months in 100% neutral French oak.

PH: 3.6
TA: 6.4 gr/L
Alcohol 13.5%
Cases Produced: 1500

Vintage 2009:

The warm summer gave the Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, and Merlot a foundation for soaking the grape on its skins for longer, bigger extraction. With the strong push of early heat it positioned us for the ability to let the fruit hang, not worrying about the quick cooling temperatures as October neared, leaving us the ability to pick all the varieties with perfect physiological ripeness. Rain did show it's face in bit's and pieces but nothing in measures that threatened a great vintage. With the moderate maritime temperatures late in the summer it left the grape with a great deal of elegance to work with, making for a wonderful 09 Purple Hands Oregon Red Blend