

# Helix 2012 Columbia Valley Syrah

90 points, *Wine Enthusiast*

## DESCRIPTION

“Cellaring in 100% neutral oak permits the syrah to speak to its true character. Allowing for some breathing time, our 2012 Helix Syrah, with its rich garnet color, brings forth its Northern Rhone character, displaying aromas of light smoky gaminess, violets, attar, and a trace of lavender, baked blueberries and white pepper. The syrah rushes the entrance with black olive, blueberry, baked fig and plum, and mildly scours the palate with fine grain tannins, a scratch of pepper with smear of boysenberry.”  
- *Chuck Reiningger, Winemaker*

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**Blend:** 100% Syrah

**Bottled:** September 2014

**Alc.:** 14.5%

## THE VINEYARDS

Stone Tree & Phinny Hill

"Stone Tree Vineyard, in the heart of the Wahluke Slope, certainly belongs in any list of the best of the best in Washington — in fact, in the country."-Paul Gregutt's "Washington's Stone Tree Vineyard is growing great grapes" article in *The Seattle Times*, April 2011.

Phinny Hill Vineyard, located on the western side of the Horse Heaven Hills is a 100 acre site atop a sun-drenched hill of rare cobble-filled soils left over from the Missoula Floods. At a 750 foot elevation, the rocky soils and eastern-facing slopes provide great irrigation and air drainage for their vines. Overlooking the Columbia River, Phinny Hill is one of the most picturesque spots in the Horse Heaven Hills.

## FOOD PAIRINGS

Pairs wonderfully with grilled lamb or your meanest barbeque.



## HELIX WINES – MORE TO EXPLORE

Helix Wines are the culmination of a long, storied family history in the Washington and Oregon wine and agriculture industries and a reflection of our family's belief that farming and winemaking is all about discovery. Helix wines are produced by the same family who create REININGER at our Walla Walla Valley winery. Named for a farmstead in Helix, Oregon, where our grandparents met, married, and farmed, Helix is truly a reflection of our family's pioneering background and strong sense of place. Since the first Helix vintage in 2002, our goal is to explore the diverse and unbounded Columbia Valley and to see for ourselves what the Columbia Valley vineyards

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