



CALLIOPE



Introducing Calliope's Fall Release

The Wyse Family, founders of Burrowing Owl Estate Winery, is pleased to announce the release of the first red wine under the Calliope label. The new red blend called Figure 8 is a Syrah-Merlot blend and is named for the unique flight pattern of a hummingbird's wings as well as the seamless integration of the two varietals used in making this wine.

Calliope (ka-LIE-oh-pee) wine embodies the freedom & beauty of its two namesakes: B.C.'s tiniest hummingbird, and the Greek Muse of Eloquence. Calliope is an escape from tradition; winemakers are empowered to utilize their creative talents to explore new taste profiles and expressive, fresh characteristics in each variety.

CALLIOPE 2010 FIGURE EIGHT

Tasting Notes:

A lively, fresh fruity aroma combining the spicy, peppery and smoked game meat notes of Syrah with the bright red fruits of Merlot including raspberry, plum and cherry. This is supported by well incorporated oak giving aromas of custard, coffee and liqueur chocolates. The palate is juicy with refreshing acidity and intense flavours of raspberry, pepper, spice and balanced oak that last throughout the lingering finish. The vivacious acidity makes this well suited to rich tomato based dishes such as a slow cooked spaghetti Bolognese.

Bottling Date: August 2011

Blend:

78% Syrah
22% Merlot

Winemaking:

The Syrah and Merlot grapes used in the 2010 Figure 8 blend were hand harvested towards the later part of October 2010. The grapes were gently destemmed and gravity dropped into separate tanks prior to fermentation. They were inoculated with our preferred yeast strains and fermented on skins for 20 days prior pressing. Once in barrels the wine underwent malolactic fermentation and was blended together during the first racking.

Analysis:

Alcohol: 14%
pH: 3.48
Titratable acidity: 7.2 g/L

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