

CANYON WIND

2012 IV GRAND VALLEY AVA

WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

The wine that started a new era of Canyon Wind. In 2007, Owner/Winemaker, Jay Christianson returned to take over the family business and all aspects of winemaking. For the first time in all of his years with the winery, he finally had the opportunity to creatively explore his love for blends, and the first IV (2007) was born and history was made. Named for the four Bordeaux varieties that make up the blend, the wine that Doug Frost, MSMW, called "Colorado's first \$100 bottle of wine" became just that upon its release in 2009.

A true labor of love, the 2012 IV is created from the best grapes in our vineyard. Each bunch was carefully hand-sorted upon arrival at the winery. The specially selected and harvested fruit was then crushed and de-stemmed and the resultant lightly crushed berries were then allowed to rest for five days in a closely monitored cold soaking. Following the cold soak, small batch fermentation was initiated with a carefully selected blend of yeast.

Aged nearly two years in all new French and American oak, the 2012 IV doesn't bring to mind just one aroma or flavor, but rather is well-integrated and complex, providing mere glimpses and hints of dark fruit, earthiness, and oak. Aromas of raspberry jam, pepper, tobacco, bay leaf, kirsch, black currant, plum, and copious amounts of oak showcase some of the best characteristics of the varieties in the blend and lead to a broad palate with smooth tannins and flavors of violet, leather, cassis, cigar tobacco, cocoa, and quinine. Colorado's first \$100 wine is back and won't mind spending 20-30 years lounging in your cellar.

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WINE PROFILE

VARIETAL BLEND:

30% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
29% PETIT VERDOT
25% CABERNET FRANC
16% MERLOT

VINTAGE:

2012

APPELLATION:

GRAND VALLEY AVA

TERROIR:

84% RIVERSIDE VINEYARD
16% CLIFFSIDE VINEYARD

TECHNICAL DATA

ALCOHOL:

15.3%

WINE ACIDITY:

6.2g/L

WINE pH:

3.57

HARVEST DATE:

SEPT 12 - OCT 2, 2012

BOTTLING DATE:

JULY 31, 2014

CASES PRODUCED:

126