

## ~ Winemaker Notes/Vintage Information ~



# FIELDING HILLS

*Syrah*

RIVERBEND VINEYARD • WAHLUKE SLOPE

2007

**Vintage:** 2007  
**Variety:** Syrah  
**Blend:** 92% Syrah, 4% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon  
**Components:** Alcohol- 15.3%; pH- 3.52; T.A.- .65  
**Appellation:** Wahluke Slope  
**Vineyard:** RiverBend Vineyards  
**Winemaker:** Mike Wade, Co-owner Fielding Hills Winery  
**Harvest:** October 2007 early morning hand harvested into small lugs  
**Vinification:** Harvest lugs are individually inspected, with grapes clusters then stemmed and crushed directly into small "one-ton" fermentors. The must is then allowed to settle for 24 hours when a combination of Prise de Mousse & Pasteur Red yeast was added. Twice each day the must is checked and punched down. When nearly dry, the free run wine is transferred directly into oak barrels. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered resulting in superb color, clarity, and flavor.  
**Aging:** 19 months in a combination of American and French oak barrels; 72% new  
**Production:** 184 cases  
**Bottling date:** May 9, 2009  
**Release date:** September 1, 2009  
**Tasting Notes:** "Four percent cabernet and 4 percent merlot in this fruit-powered syrah. Spicy and annotated with scents of game, anise, smoke, and moist earth, the black and purple fruits dominate. It's still young, a bit oaky, and relatively high in alcohol."  
*(P. Greggut)*

"Cherry cherry cherry. Huge sweet black cherry is accented by violet perfume in the nose. This wine is lush - the flavors are mouth-coating, adding milk chocolate, vanilla, and red fruit to the black cherry mix. Ginseng, candied ginger, and baking spices jump onto the finish. Adrienne found crème de cassis, pomegranate, and honey glazed smoked ham in the finish as well." *(J. Y. Avalon Wine)*

**Awards/Ratings:** 93 pts. Wine Enthusiast; 90 pts. Wine Spectator; Silver 2010 Seattle Wine Awards

Fielding Hills Winery was started in July 2000 by Mike & Karen Wade. The grapes are from estate grown, family owned RiverBend Vineyards in Mattawa, WA. The winery is located in East Wenatchee, WA. The winemaking methods utilize a small lot, hand crafted style.

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