

~ Winemaker Notes/Vintage Information ~



FIELDING HILLS

Tribute

RIVERBEND VINEYARD • WAHLUKE SLOPE

2007

- Vintage:** 2007
Variety: Tribute (Red Blend)
Blend: 43% Syrah, 30 Merlot, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc
Components: Alcohol- 15.3%; pH- 3.47; T.A.- .68
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: 197 cases
Bottling date: May 7, 2009
Release date: September 1, 2009
Tasting Notes: "The bouquet immediately grabs you with a rich mix of smoke, jam, brioche, and new oak – much in keeping with past vintages. About three quarters of the oak is new, and mostly American. It's a bit more broadly open right now than some of the other new releases. *(P. Greggut)*

"The most "user-friendly" of the Fielding Hills wines, the Tribute (formerly Riverbend Red) is a winner from first sip. Delicious, huge black cherry and mocha flavors fill your mouth, adding sweet plum, tobacco and anise on the long, slightly chewy finish. " *(J. Y. Avalon Wine)*

Awards/Ratings: 91 pts. Wine Enthusiast; Gold 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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