



**2007 Old Bones Syrah — Columbia Valley
100% Stoneridge Vineyard, Royal Slope**

Tasting Notes:

Score 99, Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate (September 2010)

"This is composed of 50% Heart and 50% Skull aged in 500 liter new barrels. Savory, rich, layered, and already complex, this exceptionally lengthy mouth-filling, hedonistic Syrah offers just a micrometer of extra flavor interest compared to either Heart or Skull individually. The new oak and a broader palette of flavors to choose among are the most likely contributors." —Jay Miller

Technical Information

Vineyard: 100% Stoneridge Vineyard is located northeast of the Wahluke Slope AVA, across the Saddle Mountains, near Royal City. It is also the fruit source for Royal City, Heart and Skull. The 2007 Old Bones Syrah is a blend of fruit primarily from the southern section of the vineyard. Very rocky soils—in fact 6 different kinds—make up the complex profile of aptly named Stoneridge. A windy site, it naturally controls vigor and reduces yields, only 1.7 tons per acre. The fruit is thick skinned and produces nearly black juice and robust yet supple tannins, adding to the aging potential of the wine.

Elevage: Fruit was picked at the end of October. Hand picked, foot crushed, native yeasts, small batch open top fermenters, hand punch downs, basket pressed, spontaneous malolactic fermentation and absolutely no filtering. The wine was aged in 100% new 500 litre French puncheons for 26 months and bottled in January 2010.

Total Production: 167 cases

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