

Edgefield 2008 Black Rabbit Red

78% Washington / 22% Oregon



Release date: November 19th, 2010

Production: 8218 cases
3.53 pH
5.9 TA
13.9% Alcohol

Tasting Notes: 33% Cabernet Sauvignon
32% Merlot
9% Syrah
9% Zinfandel
9% Viognier
8% Pinot Noir

Named for Edgefield's fabled mascot, the 2008 Black Rabbit Red is a smooth and spicy blend composed of classic Bordeaux varietals with a Pacific Northwest twist. Violet in color with fruit aromas of ripe red cherries and red raspberry preserves, complemented by sweet oak notes of graham cracker, cinnamon and vanilla. Much drier on the palate than the nose suggests, this wine shows assertive fruit tannins that dissipate quickly. It is moderately full in body, with firm acidity and red fruit flavors.

Fun Facts: When looking at the varietal composition for this vintage of the Black Rabbit Red, you might be asking yourself, "Viognier? I thought that was a white grape. What is that doing in a red wine?" To answer your question, yes, Viognier is a white grape, but it is often added to red wines to increase the aromatics on the nose. This is a trick learned by winemakers in France's Rhône Valley centuries ago. It is traditionally used with Syrah but it can be blended with any red varietals to the same ends.