

# APEX CELLARS

2012

## THE CATALYST RED BLEND

### BLEND

53% Syrah, 46% Merlot

### VINYARDS

Alder Ridge, The Benches,  
Canoe Ridge, Canyon Vineyard  
Ranch, Willard

### BOTTLING

PH: 3.66

TA: .75 g/l

ALC: 13.95%

RS: 1.1 g/l

Fining: none

Malolactic: 100%

### YEAST

EC-1118 and D254

### FERMENTATION

100% Barrel Fermented

### MATURATION

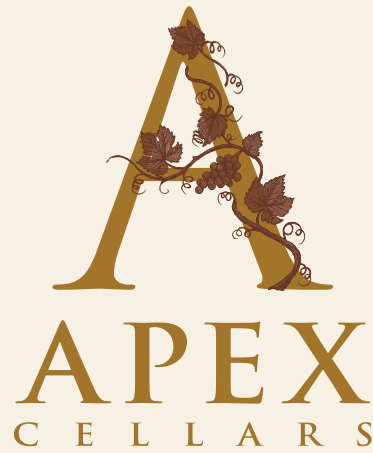
French and American Oak,  
20% New Oak

### BOTTLED

May 2014

### CASES PRODUCED

4500 cases



Founded in 1988, Apex Cellars strives to surpass its premium winemaking with each new vintage. The concept behind Apex Cellars remains steadfast: to produce quality wine so special and so outstanding that they represent the ultimate in winemaking and Washington State. Apex's team of dedicated grape growers and cellar masters are focused on quality and craftsmanship with each vintage for every wine.

## TASTING NOTE

Dark purple in color and a lively entry with plum and blackberry aromas that are met with hints of tobacco and clove. The 2012 Catalyst Red Blend is firm on the palate with rich and elegant flavors of stone fruit, black currant and blackberry. This Syrah-driven wine has a moderately lingering finish and is perfect for food pairing.

## COLUMBIA VALLEY

The 2012 Vintage, while starting off with a stunning resemblance to 2011, finished off the season well: average heat accumulation, average cumulative precipitation, and only a few isolated weather events. Most bud break occurred in early April. Although overall precipitation for 2012 was slightly above normal, it was not evenly distributed over the growing season. August saw low humidity, low precipitation, and high temperatures which kicked off the metabolic processes involved with berry ripening. We noticed vastly improved fruit quality when compared to the 2011 vintage; 2012 brought medium sized berries, concentrated colors and intense flavors that took a little time to catch up with the sugars.