

## 2010 Ciel du Cheval



I have put no Cabernet Sauvignon into this blend. I have for a few years wanted to make a wine solely from Merlot and Cabernet Franc from Ciel du Cheval. I picked the right year to try as the two varieties I choose are strong in the 2010 vintage. A really finely set structure is aided by the transparent and yet deeply flavored fruit present in the 2010 vintage from this vineyard. Followers of the property will know that a refined and laudatory austerity is one of the hallmarks of the vineyard. Leaving out the Cabernet Sauvignon has brought the vintage into perfect tune.

Composition: 52% Merlot, 48% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard: CIEL DU CHEVAL

Appellation: Red Mountain

Average Age of Vines: 24 years

Time in barrels: 21 months

Bottling Date: May, 2012

Release Date: April, 2013

Total Production: 763/12/.750

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