



Den Hoed in Horse Heaven Hills
IMPORTANT WASHINGTON
minuscule yet outstanding production

DEN HOED

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS WALLULA VINEYARD

Bill and Andy Den Hoed, Allen Shoup & Rob Newsom *proprietors*
Allen Shoup & Rob Newsom *winemakers*

Bill and Andy Den Hoed teamed up with another Washington wine pioneer Allen Shoup to create truly outstanding red wines from their jointly owned Wallula Vineyard. Among the first to imagine an auspicious future for Washington wines, the Den Hoed family parlayed their holdings into what is widely considered the state's finest vineyard site. Nestled high above the mighty Columbia River south of Kennewick, picturesque Wallula Vineyard is planted on south-facing slopes with grades from 2% to 30%. Beginning with a 3.5-mile border along the river's edge at 320 feet above sea level, the property continues nearly 3.5 miles to a peak elevation of 1367 feet. The lower elevations provide ideal growing conditions for ultra-premium reds; upper elevations are perfect for high quality whites. The river itself is a massive insulator, rapidly accumulating heat during the day yet providing a cooling effect once the sun goes down.

MARIE'S VIEW Wallula Vineyard

Wild Syrah (36%), aromatic Cab Franc (12%), spicy Sangiovese (12%), and mellow Merlot (16%) contribute to a complex symphony unified by the melody of Cabernet Sauvignon (24%). Winemaker: Rob Newsome. **134 cases produced.**

*Wine Enthusiast on the 2005: **92 POINTS** "This blend is dusty, fragrant and loaded with exotic baking spices, cocoa and black fruits. A rich, supple and seductive wine with a silky mouthfeel."*

MARIE'S VIEW Wallula Vineyard

*Parker's WA on the 2006: **92 POINTS** "The 2006 Marie's View was also sourced from the Wallula Vineyard but was made by Rob Newsom, owner/winemaker of Boudreaux Cellars. It is a blend of 33% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 22% Syrah, 11% Petit Verdot, with the balance Cabernet Franc and Sangiovese. Deep purple-colored, the nose is slightly reticent but with coaxing displays cedar, Asian spices, incense, black cherry, and blueberry."*

ANDREAS Wallula Vineyard

100% Cab. Sauv. fermented in small vats with 30 days on skin, aged 30 months in 85% new French oak; *231 cases produced*

*Wine Enthusiast on the 2007: **96 POINTS Editor's Choice** "Gilles Nicault, who oversees the Long Shadows portfolio, makes this pure Cabernet. If this had a Napa Valley label on it, it could sell for three times the price. The structure is full and fleshy, but with the vividly bright fruit that screams Washington State. Juicy acidity underscores the berries, cherries and plums; the generously applied new oak adds texture and layers of caramel, coconut and chocolate. A bottle that belongs with Washington's (and California's) best."*

*Parker's WA on the 2007: **93 POINTS** "The 2007 Andreas is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Wallula Vineyard made by Gilles Nicault, the resident winemaker at Shoup's Long Shadows winery. The wine was aged for 30 months in new French oak. It is a dense, round, savory, well-balanced wine with enough underlying structure to achieve its 20th birthday in peak form."*

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