

Eliseo Silva

2007 Merlot

Tasting Notes

Black cherry, ripe blackberry with coffee and spice flavors. The aroma is floral, allspice and black cherry. Long and elegant finish with subtle black tea undertones combined with vanilla.

Vineyards

Tagaris Winery is a family-owned estate winery with two large vineyards. The 200 acre Areté Vineyards (Greek, meaning the culmination of all things good), straddles the “Top of the Hill” at Radar Hill near Othello, WA and was planted in 1983. Gewurztraminer, Muller-Thurgau, Chenin Blanc and Riesling are grown on the northern slopes, and Chardonnay, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc and Syrah are grown on the south-facing slope.

The younger Alice Vineyards (named after Michael Taggares’ mother, Alice) lies along the south slopes of Saddle Mountain in the newly-designated Wahluke AVA. Alice is comprised of 100 acres of new grape varieties Malbec, Mourvedre, Petit Verdot and Counoise grown for the Tagaris “Nouveau-style” wines. Other varieties such as Grenache, Tempranillo and Pinot Gris are also grown at the Alice Vineyards, along with traditional WA State varieties of Cabernet, Merlot and Syrah.



Winemakers Bio

Frank started winemaking right out of school when he worked for Harry McWatters at Sumac Ridge Estate Winery in Summerland, British Columbia and Hawthorne Mountain Vineyards in Okanogan Falls. For the past 10 years he was Cellar Master for legendary winemaker Rob Griffin of Barnard Griffin Winery, one of Washington State’s first accomplished wine makers. Roth’s goal at Tagaris is to “become the premiere authority for making wine using as little oak as possible so the vibrant fruit flavors of the wine are predominant.”

Technical	Data
Total Acidity	.5
pH	3.4
Alcohol	13.8%
Blend	75% Merlot 25% Petit Verdot
Cases Produced	500