

Eliseo Silva

2008 Malbec

Tasting Notes

Bright Bing cherry fruit and vanilla fill the nose. Vibrant mouth feel of Bing cherries and currents. Creamy vanilla and white pepper through the long elegant finish. A great match for grilled duck, rich creamy pasta and tamales.

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.

Technical	Data
Total Acidity	3.9
pH	3.7
Alcohol	13.4%
Blend	75% Malbec 13% Merlot 12% Cabernet Sauvignon
Cases Produced	1721