



**DUSTED
VALLEY**



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Dusted Valley and Boomtown by Dusted Valley

This year Dusted Valley proudly celebrates their 13th anniversary of growing and crafting spectacular Washington State wine under the Dusted Valley and Boomtown by Dusted Valley labels. With strong roots in agriculture, brothers-in-law Chad Johnson and Corey Braunel focus their wine growing philosophies in the vineyard with sustainable practices, low (or modest) yields and minimalistic winemaking. The resulting wines offer a sense of place and showcase their estate vineyards in the Walla Walla Valley and other premier vineyards throughout the state.

BFM 2012 COLUMBIA VALLEY

2012 DUSTED VALLEY BFM WINE ADVOCATE - 91 POINTS

A blend of 75% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc and the balance Petit Verdot, the 2012 BFM is a rounded, balanced, nicely textured and medium to full-bodied red that gives up ample black cherry, kirsch, and raspberry fruit mixed with spice and toasted bread nuances. Aged in 22% new barrels, there were just over 300 cases made and it will offer plenty of pleasure over the coming decade.

2012 DUSTED VALLEY BFM GREAT NORTHWEST WINE - EXCELLENT

A trio of vineyards downstream from each other between Sentinel Gap and the Tri-Cities – Northridge and StoneTree on the Wahluke Slope and Sagemoor’s Dionysus near the Hanford Reach National Monument – come together for this blend of Merlot (75%), Cabernet Sauvignon (14%), Cabernet Franc (7%) and Petit Verdot.

Technically, Chad Johnson and Corey Braunel could label this as Merlot, instead the **initials of the proprietary blend stand for Big F— Merlot**, and it’s akin to cherry bomb explosion with cherry jam and kirsch backed by dark chocolate. There’s some good grip to the tannin structure – it is Washington Merlot, after all – yet the chocolate-covered blackberry and skilled alcohol management rounds out the finish. Traditionally, the Wisconsin boys’ Stained Tooth Society slurps down much of it upon release, so ask for it at your wine merchant, restaurants or their tasting rooms in Walla Walla and Woodinville.



from left to right...

**Janet & Chad Johnson
Corey & Cindy Braunel**

Rating: Excellent Production: 336 cases Alcohol: 15.5%

About Great Northwest Wine

Articles authored by Great Northwest Wine are co-authored by Eric Degerman and Andy Perdue. In most cases, these are wine reviews that are judged blind by the Great Northwest Wine tasting panel.