

# BROWNE

FAMILY VINEYARDS

*Inspired by the greatness of one man: William Bitner Browne, grandfather of proprietor Andrew Browne. Integrity and excellence are the standards upon which Browne wines are created. Browne Family is premium Washington wine, 15 years in the making before its first vintage debuted, crafted with the utmost quality and enjoyment in mind.*

“A TRIBUTE TO MY SONS.”

- Andrew Browne



## 2014 TRIBUTE RED BLEND

### VINTAGE NOTE

The 2014 Washington State harvest proved to be spectacular with a record crop level and excellent quality. All factors needed for success came together perfectly: cool nights, lots of warm weather in the growing season, and rain limited mostly to the shoulder seasons. Harvest started the third week of August and wrapped in the second week of November. The crop across the state was heavy, yet bountiful with quality. Our vineyard team enjoyed weather that enabled them to pick at will, affording perfect flavor, acidity and sugar levels.

### WINEMAKING

The fruit for Browne Family was harvested at the peak of phenolic ripeness and tested on the vine for flavor and structure. Once harvested, all grapes were handpicked into small ½ ton bins and immediately de-stemmed. The winery “crusher,” used to de-stem fruit was removed to maintain 70% whole berries during fermentation. This allowed for great extraction of color and increased the maturity of tannins making the wine more approachable. After pressing occurred, primary fermentation was completed in stainless steel. The new wine was then transferred to 59-gallon French Oak casks; selected for their intense varietal characteristics and to balance the fruit tannins individually barrel aging each variety before selecting the final blend. The Browne Family 2014 Tribute was barrel aged for 22 months.

### TASTING NOTE

Dark fruit, flint and tanned leather aromatics. Fruit bomb with Van Cherry, Current and all spice. Finishes with anise, toasty oak and lingering dark fruit flavors. Acid is bright and balances this full bodied and round tannin wine.

### CELLARING

Crafted as a cellar worthy wine; enjoy now or cellar for up to ten years.

- 2009 – 90 POINTS, *Wine Enthusiast*
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- 2011 – 94 POINTS, *Tasting Panel*
- 2012 – 94 POINTS, *Critics Challenge 2015*
- 2013 – 90 POINTS, *Wine & Spirits*
- 2013 – 90 POINTS, *Wine Spectator*

### BLEND

39% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Malbec, 10% Petit Verdot, 6% Petite Sirah, 6% Carménère

### APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

### GRAPE SOURCE

Mirage, XL, Canyon Vineyard Ranch, Klipsun, Taylor Mag, Waterbrook Estate, Summit View, Blackrock

### VINTAGE

2014

### WINEMAKER

John Freeman

### HARVEST DATE

SEpt. 3 – Oct. 1, 2014

### YEAST

Pasteur Red, Andante

### AGED

22 months

### OAK

33% New French oak, 67% second- to fourth-use white oak

### BOTTLED

August 10–12, 2016

TA PH  
5.9 g/l 3.68

ALC.  
13.7%

CASES PRODUCED  
4808