

OVERVIEW

Wahluke Slope AVA

Millions of years ago fissures opened up along the Washington eastern border sending large amounts of hot lava to wend its way to the Pacific coast. Following the basalt flows, gravel and deposits from the Ice Age Missoula floods preceded the wind-blown soil which set the terroir of the Wahluke Slope. This area was also the center of a tropical forest which included ginkgo trees. Bounded by the Saddle Mountains and the Columbia River, the area is only 81,000 acres.

Thiede Farms Winery Vineyard

Near a break in the Saddle Mountains forged by the water of the Columbia River, this vineyard has the characteristics of the Wahluke Slope AVA.

Thiede Farms Road 27 Vineyard

This vineyard is toward the south end of the Wahluke Slope where sandy loam lays over the wind-blown sand and gravel of the AVA.

Mike Thiede, Owner | Winemaker

Mike has a background as a biologist and scientist. His natural curiosity led him to establish a winery and make more than 50 different wines – red and white varietals, red and white blends, dessert wines.port-style (or fortified) wines and most recently organic wines. While most wine-makers find a few wines to focus on, Mike thrives on being able to constantly experiment and make new wines.



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