



2009 Washington State Cabernet Sauvignon

Washington State AVA | 450 Cases Produced

\$50 Winery Retail

Vineyard

We have always produced a Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. It has been a part of us from the very beginning and as such, we have consistently procured fruit from both Cold Creek Vineyard and Pepper Bridge Vineyard in the Walla Walla Valley. This year we have strayed just a touch from our usual vineyard selections for this bottling. We have sourced fruit from Windrow Vineyard as well, some of the oldest fruit in the Walla Walla Valley, originally planted between 1978 and 1983. Its also the first time we've used merlot in a Cabernet

Winemaking

Due to the frost that hit Walla Walla, this year's Interlude was sourced primarily from vineyards in the Columbia Valley. Always a merlot based blend, this vintage is a bit riper and bigger than other years, while still maintaining its trademark elegance. Sourced from several different vineyards and lots we blend the personalities of each vineyard to create a seamless blend. Approachable now, but will drink gracefully over the next decade.

Tasting Notes

86% Cabernet Sauvignon from Cold Creek, Pepper Bridge, Windrow and Blue Mountain vineyards and 14% Merlot from Seven Hills vineyard. Sourcing our vineyards from mature sites in both the Columbia and Walla Walla Valley allows us to create a wine of power and grace. Barrel aged for 2 years on French oak, this deep, ruby Cabernet begins with earthy cinnamon stick nose, followed by hints of clove, with an undercurrent of cured meats. The mouth is rich, full-bodied and round with classic profile of dark fruits, tobacco, truffles, herbs and spices. Pairs well with hearty fare, but also works as a "sit in a corner and sip it" wine...