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2009 Old Block Cabernet Sauvignon

Walla Walla Valley AVA | 156 Cases Produced

Vineyard

Windrow Vineyard is the oldest commercially planted vineyard (1981) in the Walla Walla AVA. Talks to create the appellation happened on this soil. Situated on a bench created by thousands of years ago where Lower Dry Creek empties into the southern Walla Walla Valley, Windrow has a rare combination of heat during the day followed by a cool breeze flowing out of the Blue Mountains in the evenings. This diurnal shift allows us to grow our grapes until later in the season, increasing maturity while retaining enough acidity to maintain balance and structure. Ellisford Silt Loam is prevalent in this part of the Walla Walla Valley AVA. Windrow varies from deep deposits of windblown loess to shallow layers over gravelly cobble.

Old Block is part of the original planting of Seven Hills, dating back to 1981. At 8.6 acres, it is our largest Cabernet Sauvignon block and yields 2.7 tons per acre. It sits on fairly level ground and is planted north-south on primarily loess soil of varying depth, and with excellent drainage. This portion of the vineyard has the deepest soils.

Winemaking

The vintage of 2009 saw a big push of cold air from the Arctic on October 8, freezing most of the valley but due to our location, we actually escaped this and were able to hang our fruit for almost a month later than the vast majority of winemakers in the area. This added hang time gave us some really sought after phenolics and resulting in a trifecta (Hill Block, Plateau Block and Old Block) of Cabernet s that we are really proud of.

Of the trifecta, the Old Block pick was the last pick. Due to the age of the vines, depth of the soil and subsequent depth of the roots on these plants, Old Block generally provides us with the most nutrient healthy vines, resulting in the healthiest fermentations. The Old Block hands us the earthiest of our Cabernets and we use a blend of CSM or BDX yeasts with the intention of letting those earth notes shine through the fermentation and make their way into the bottle.

Tasting Notes

100% Windrow Vineyard Old Block Cabernet Sauvignon. Currants, wild flowers- rose, violets, lavender, incense with a cocoa and minerals. Leather and meat bounce against heated black fruits and welcome wood. Baking spices kick on the mid-palate and round, supple tannins lead into a finish that echoes for miles.