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## ESTATES

**2009 Plateau Block Cabernet Sauvignon**

**Walla Walla Valley AVA | 120 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.

Our Plateau Block was planted in 1996, spans 3.5 acres and yields 2.9 tons per acre. Row orientation is northwest to southeast. It is the highest point on the bench at 900 feet and stands right where the cold air exists the Blue Mountains. It enjoys even sun exposure and some of the deepest silt loam soil on our vineyard.

### **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 were are really proud of. Of the trifecta, the Plateau pick was the middle pick despite being our hottest block. This block seems the most indicative of its age.

80% new French and 20% neutral French oak. Aged for 32 months.

### **Tasting Notes**

100% Windrow Vineyard Plateau Block Cabernet Sauvignon. Ruby and burnt garnet color leads to stewed strawberries, plums, red currants and rhubarb. Fall leaves, tomato vine and pumpkin stems meet dried cranberry and bold cherry. Sturdy French oak lends a welcome touch to this bold beauty, where earth meet toast and rich fruit. Our classic Windrow tobacco notes crescendo on the finish