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2011 Old Block Cabernet Sauvignon **Walla Walla Valley AVA | 140 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

Old Block was harvested in early November this year. Beautifully ripened, we were very excited about the longevity of this vintage. We aged our Old Block in 100% new French oak for 30 months and then allowed it to rest in barrel for 24 months

Tasting Notes

100% Windrow Vineyard Old Block Cabernet Sauvignon. This is a hunker-down-with-a-good-book kind of wine. This wine exhibits classic aromas of wild blackberries, old tree cherries, Damson plums and black currants. On the palate, the dark fruit flavors are infused with black licorice, dark cocoa, bitterroot, Sumatra roast and basalt minerals. Baking spices kick on the mid-palate and round, supple tannins lead into a finish that echoes for miles.

Awards/Accolades

19.5/20 Points~ Rand Sealey, A Review of Washington Wines
Gold Medal~ Seattle Wine Awards 2017
Gold Medal~ Oregon Wine Awards 2017

