



2011 Cutthroat Blend

Columbia Valley AVA | 72 Cases Produced

Vineyards

Gamache Vineyard from the White Bluffs of Columbia Valley and Windrow Vineyard, the oldest commercially planted Walla Walla vineyard, make up the Malbec on this blend. The full mouthfeel from Gamache meets the leather, cigar and black peppercorns from Windrow in a Malbec that is primed to be complimented by the dust and earth that we got from our Syrah. Old Stones Vineyard (15 acres of ancient riverbed covered with massive basalt cobblestones) on the Rocks of Walla Walla provides the Syrah here.

Winemaking

The goal with Cutthroat year after year is to add some sticks, dust and earth (Syrah) to what can otherwise have too much of a brambleberry punch (classic Malbec). This is our easiest selling blend year after year. I've had this creation a lot in Argentina and had never seen it in the states so I made one for myself. This is the most nuanced of our blends and is by far the longest one to decide on during blending trials.

Tasting Notes

58% Malbec, 42% Syrah. This wine leads with blueberry, cherry and plum, evolving into notes of violets and roses on the mid-palate. On the end; licorice, dark chocolate, smoky tobacco leaf, white pepper and nutmeg make their presence. It leaves you with a lingering, velvety finish of dry, mature tannins.