



2012 Mary's Block Malbec

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.

Winemaking

Classic on classic: the oldest vineyard in Walla Walla meets the most classic vintage. 2012 was the most Washington of Washington vintages. Tonnage and growing degree days, rainfall and maximum/minimum temperatures were very... Walla Walla. Rainfall held off just when we needed it to and for an extended period of time, allowing us to make exactly the pick decision that we wanted. This is the vintage that will prove that when Nature is doing what she is called upon to do in these parts, the results are worthy of notice, recognition and dare I say fame. Drink the 2012s- any variety, any winemaker, thoughtfully. This is the year you may just become a Walla Walla advocate.

As always, we used the D254 yeast to amplify the spice and mineral notes and neutral oak to allow this beautiful vineyard the chance to shine brilliantly.

Tasting Notes

100% Windrow Vineyard Malbec. Blackberry, slate and graphite. Black pepper, dark compote fruits and gravel meet rust and a hint of cherry. Balance is what makes this wine. Structurally, the backbone on this wine is sturdy while the tannins are fully present but always round. A long and lush finish leave you begging for more. The best malbec we've seen come off of Windrow Vineyard and one that we look forward to drinking for a long, long time. Drink now through 2022.