

2013 21 GRAMS WASHINGTON STATE

• 94 POINTS WINE ENTHUSIAST 'EDITORS CHOICE'

21 grams

VINEYARDS •

- **Cold Creek Vineyard** was originally planted in 1973 on a south-facing slope with 30-year-old stressed vines that were planted in light, silty, well-draining soils. With roughly five inches of annual rainfall, the results are fruit with solid complexity.
- **Stone Tree Vineyard** is 250 acres of wine grapes on the Wahluke Slope at an altitude of between 930 and 1250 above sea level on the south slope of Saddle Mountain. This site also has one of the longest growing seasons in Washington.
- **Windrow Vineyard** is the oldest commercially planted vineyard (1981) in the Walla Walla AVA. 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 the grapes to grow late into the season, increasing maturity while retaining enough acidity to maintain balance and structure.

WINEMAKER NOTES •

"This might be my best effort of 21 Grams yet. 2013 came in fast and hard, but the unique 'fan trained' trellis system from Cold Creek Cabernet, which naturally produces a larger vine and therefore more yield, pushes back on the desert heat and that was crucial in 2013. Combining that with the cooler Windrow Vineyard Cabernet from Walla Walla allowed for a firmer and more complex, long term ageable wine."

- Jamie Brown, Winemaker

TASTING NOTES •

"Bursting though oak overtones are nuances of violets, licorice, and allspice. The mouth feel is big and luscious, but also linear and subtle. A mouth watering backbone of acid makes the wine feel refreshing, but the tannins are in the forefront, reminding you that this wine won't give it all up in the beginning. A definite ager, hang on to this one for three plus years before opening."

-Sean Sullivan, Wine Enthusiast

TECHNICAL •

WINEMAKER: Jamie Brown

APPELLATION: Washington State

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, 6% Malbec

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

PH: 3.83

TOTAL ACID: 0.55

BOTTLING DATE: January 2017

CASES BOTTLED: 120 cases

CELLARING: Best 2020 to 2030

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