

FLYING TROUT



2013 Brook Blend Columbia Valley AVA | 132 Cases Produced

Vineyards

There are three vineyards that give us Malbec for this blend and from each of them we garner different aspects of this blend. Gamache Vineyard Malbec is always a welcome addition to our blends, contributing a juicy, rich, chewy malbec. Alder Ridge is an incredibly windy site that thickens up the skins on its malbec, resulting in bold, lush skin tannins. Windrow Vineyard is responsible for malbec, cabernet sauvignon and petit verdot for this blend. It is the oldest commercially planted vineyard in the Walla Walla Valley and always gives us some nice leather, orange rind and cigar hints. This site adds complexity to any blend.

Winemaker Notes

The Brook Blend is our big, bold red year after year. Classic Cabernet meets full bodied and structured Malbec to make a strong, mid-palate focused, burly punch. Petit Verdot spikes it up a notch with cayenne spice and robust tannins. This wine is not for the weak or weary. It is a fireside red and belongs alongside your thickest sweater. We chose a mix of malbecs-two that are brawny enough to echo the cabernet and petit verdot. Another that came from the opposite side of the spectrum, rounding out those tannins and gnarl with juice, velvet and chew.

Tasting Notes

54% Malbec, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot. Leather, fall leaves and cayenne, trail to plum, salt brine, blackberry and wet garden ground. This wine is rich and layered with a tannin and acid profile that balance the multi-faceted bouquet layers on the front.

