

# TERO

## ESTATES

### 2013 Cabernet Franc Walla Walla Valley AVA | 180 Cases Produced



#### Vineyard

Windrow Vineyard is the oldest commercially planted vineyard 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

This was the warmest vintage in many years but cooled off just in time for harvest. The resulting wines showed beautiful, ripe flavors and picking proceeded at a normal pace. We cluster thinned, leaf stripped and achieved what we had been striving towards. Aromatically, this wine is what we know and love but the acids held on this vintage better than most years, leading to great aging potential and a nice backbone to balance out the fruit.

#### Tasting Notes

100% Windrow Vineyard Estate Cabernet Franc.

This beautiful wine opens with intriguing aromas of mulberry, rose petals, smoke and raspberry brambles. The front palate showcases a full-bodied flavor of roasted coffee beans, baker's chocolate, earth, and minerals. As it moves to the back, notes of dark berries, roasted nuts, mocha, and orange peel sneak onto your palate for a delightful finish.

#### Awards/Accolades

19+/20 Points~ Rand Sealey, A Review of Washington Wines