



2013 Block 2 Malbec

Walla Walla Valley AVA | 92 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. Block 2 was one of the more recent plantings and is proving to be a long overdue addition to this historical gem of a spot.

Winemaking

2013 was a slightly warmer year than usual, resulting in ripe, beautiful, big wines with lots of secondary and tertiary smells and levels. It made wines that are ready to release early and are complex- the best of both worlds. This was a newer block for us and was a joy to work with. We got the same undertone of cigar tobacco smoke and rolling papers that we do from the older Mary's Block Malbec, but way more bright flowers and cherries.

Tasting Notes

100% Windrow Vineyard Malbec. A departure from our more chewy malbecs, this delicate beauty gives us flowers, perfume, and incense. Cherries and cocoa with the slightest whiff of yesterday's cigar, orange rind, dried leaves and currants lead to a soft, lovely finish.