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### **NV Deep River Blend**

**Walla Walla Valley AVA | 80 Cases Produced**

#### **Vineyards**

Windrow Vineyard, the oldest commercially planted Walla Walla vineyard, gives us both the Cabernet Franc and the Malbec on this blend. It's unusual for both of the varieties to come from one vineyard for our blends, but this time, we just couldn't help it. This vineyard has so much depth, character and grace that nothing else matched it. 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 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**

The two vintages worked well together in the blending- 2012 was a legendary year and some early picking in 2013 added some nice backbone to what had been a mid-palate heavy wine. For 2012, 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. The 2013 vintage was even warmer and drier, but we saw that coming and picked extra early so we could have some blending components to even out the hedonism the vintage would've given us otherwise.

#### **Tasting Notes**

62% Cabernet Franc, 38% Malbec. Decants well. Very concentrated on the nose. Grilled meat, cherries, dried cranberries, blueberries and cooked strawberries. Thick mouthfeel, gun powder and flint, animal hide and mineral. Chalky, chalky tannins on finish. A ruby color, bordering on blue. Intriguing and well rounded.