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ESTATES

2014 Cabernet Franc
Walla Walla Valley AVA | 146 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

Warm temperatures and an abundant, early crop produced picture-perfect grapes with soft tannins in the reds. With no rain, no early freezes and a harvest that was mostly done about two weeks ahead of usual, Doug was a happy winemaker. There were no heat spikes and cool nighttime temperatures so the acidity balances in the young wines look to be ideal. A perfect Indian summer...

Tasting Notes

This wine is decadent and flirtatious with a rich garnet color that sets the stage for a nose of dark cherry, cocoa, and eucalyptus. Bright red fruits on the palate balance nicely with savory notes of black pepper, toast and earth. A long finish with good acidity makes ideal for food pairing.

Awards/Accolades

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