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2014 DC3 Blend
Walla Walla Valley AVA | 228 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 year was even warmer than the previous 2013 vintage. The resulting wines showed beautiful, ripe flavors and picking proceeded at a normal pace. A blend of 59% Merlot and 41% Cabernet Franc, we aged this wine in 20% new French oak and 80% neutral French oak for 26 months prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Rich ruby in color, this distinctive blend from our estate vineyard has aromas of freshly baked blackberry pie, cherry, chocolate, violets and vanilla with earthy counterparts of leather, tobacco, lush herbs, grasses and white pepper. This is a full-bodied wine with flavors of briny minerals, leather, cedar, pepper and pipe tobacco balanced by dried Rainier cherry, licorice, cassis, spiced punch, cinnamon, figs and dark chocolate. The intoxicating blend of flavors will make you fall in love with life all over again and speaks to climate, culture and place. Pair with grilled Tri-Tip or French pork roast while watching the sunset.

Award/Accolades

18.5/20 Points~ Rand Sealey, A Review of Washington Wines