

There are just under 3,000 acres of vineyard in the entire Walla Walla Valley, but the region is home to a wide diversity of soils and mesoclimates. Each vineyard offers a unique expression, but there are some common characteristics of Cabernet Sauvignon that are unique to Walla Walla. Our goal with this wine is to build layers and complexity by blending distinct lots from individual vineyards to express the unique and compelling character and structure of Cabernet Sauvignon grown in the Walla Walla Valley.

Vineyard

The second vintage of our Sally Mac Cabernet Sauvignon delivers on our goal to showcase the character of the Walla Walla Valley through a focus on the higher elevation sites with deep wind-blown loess soils. Nearly half of the fruit for the 2020 vintage was grown at our estate vineyard, Wheat Ridge (47%), in the Mill Creek area of the Walla Walla Valley. The remainder is sourced from Les Collines (42%), Seven Hills (6%), and our vineyard neighbor, Golden Ridge (5%).

Wheat Ridge Vineyard sits at 1,315 to 1,350 feet above sea level on deep wind-blown loess soils. The small 7-acre (2.8 hectares) block of Cabernet Sauvignon was planted in 1998 to Clone 8. It features an ideal south sloping orientation that allows full ripening but, because of the elevation, the site experiences more moderated temperatures and, while there is strong diurnal shift during the summer, it generally evades the region's highest and lowest temperature extremes throughout the year.

Winemaking

- Blend: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 11% Petit Verdot
- Vinification: 100% hand picked, cluster sorted, and destemmed – mostly whole berry with some light crushing; a mix of hand punch downs and gentle pump overs.
- Aged: 20 months in 42% new French Oak, 58% in neutral French Oak (225L)
- Racked only once prior to final blending
- Bottled unfinned and unfiltered on June 7th, 2022

Tasting Notes

The wine is generous, layered, and satisfyingly delicious now – but will reward time the cellar and benefits from decanting. The nose offers notes of cocoa, cream, and black fruit, while the palate delivers layers of red and black fruit, herbs and tobacco. With firm tannins and a remarkably long finish, this vintage is slightly riper and fuller, but remains elegant and fresh. Drink now through 2032.

Technical Details

- 475 cases produced
- 14.3% ABV
- 3.78 pH
- 5.7 g/L TA
- Harvested Sep 8 to Oct 9

