



2018 Merlot

Tasting Notes

• ripe raspberry • plum • cherry • crushed roses • French roast coffee • spiced cherries • “Rocks District” earthiness • dark chocolate • ripe tannins •

Production Notes

A 100% varietal Merlot sourced from our Waliser Estate Vineyard, located in the ‘Rocks District’ sub-appellation which perfectly blends savory earthy notes with bright fruits.

Vineyards

• Waliser Estate Vineyard, ‘Rocks District of Milton-Freewater’
Walla Walla Valley

Winemaking

- Hand harvested grapes
- Picked early in the morning
- Small lot fermentations in stainless steel tanks
- The cap was manually punched down twice a day
- The wine was aged for 16 months in French Oak barrels
- Cross flow filtration prior to bottling

Vintage

- Late bud-break in mid-April lead into way May temperature for full canopy development.
- Cooler June temperature allowed for even and healthy berry growth.
- Summer temperature were warm throughout July and August with verasion slightly ahead of 2017.
- Temperature cooler slightly in September with a little rainfall, allowing fruit to hang on the vine for increased flavor development.
- Grapes were harvested with higher sugar levels but retained high natural acid levels for deeply structured yet balanced wines.
- Harvest began on August 31st and lasted through the end of October.

MERLOT

WALISER VINEYARD
WALLA WALLA VALLEY

Wine Data

AppellationWalla Walla Valley
Varietal..... Merlot
Composition.....100% Merlot
Vineyards.....Estate Waliser Vineyard
Vintage..... 2018

Technical Notes

pH.....3.70
Total Acidity 6.3 g/L
Alcohol..... 14.4%
Harvest Date9/5
Bottling Date.....February 17th, 2020
Production 95 cases