

# 2018 Tempranillo

## **Tasting Notes**

• bright cherry • rose • spice • ripe red fruit • fresh herbs • minerality • leather •

#### **Production Notes**

Part of our Reserve Series, the 2018 Tempranillo is a blend of our favorite barrels sourced from Stone Valley Vineyard and highlights the unique characteristics of tempranillo sourced from the Rocks District.

#### **Vineyards**

• Stone Valley Vineyard, 'The Rocks District of Milton Freewater,' Walla Walla Valley

## Winemaking

- Hand harvested grapes
- Picked early in the morning
- Small lot fermentation in stainless steel tanks
- The cap was manually punched down twice a day
- The wine was blended and 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 31<sup>st</sup> and lasted through the end of October.



## Wine Data

| AppellationWalla Walla Valley  |  |
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| Composition100% Tempranillo    |  |
| VineyardsStone Valley Vineyard |  |
| <i>Vintage</i> 2018            |  |

## **Technical Notes**

| <i>pH</i> 3.93                 |
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| Total Acidity5.6 g/L           |
| <i>Alcohol</i> 14.5%           |
| Harvest DateSeptember 12, 2018 |
| Bottling DateSeptember 1, 2020 |
| Production                     |