



# BALBOA WINERY

## WALLA WALLA VALLEY

## 2016 Viuda Negra

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### Tasting Notes

• ripe raspberry • plum • cherry • crushed roses • French roast coffee • dark chocolate • licorice • spiced cherries •

### Production Notes

Viuda Negra is our proprietary Bordeaux blend. The 2016 is a classic right-bank combination of Cabernet Franc and Merlot from our Estate Waliser Vineyard located in the 'Rocks District of Milton-Freewater.'

### Vineyards

• Estate Waliser 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, 15% new, 85% neutral
- Cross flow filtration prior to bottling

### Vintage

- Warm spring temperatures lead to early bud break
- Moderate temperatures in the early summer allowed for ideal bloom and fruit set
- Cooler than average temperatures in the early summer allowed fruit to ripen gradually, leading to lower sugars and higher natural acidity
- These cooler temperatures extended the growing season for optimal flavor development across all varieties
- Harvest started on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and continued into mid-October

### Wine Data

*Appellation* .....Walla Walla Valley  
*Style* .....Bordeaux Blend  
*Composition*.....50% Cabernet Franc  
.....50% Merlot  
*Vineyards*.....Estate Eidolon Vineyard  
..... Summit View Vineyard  
*Vintage*..... 2016

### Technical Notes

*pH*.....3.73  
*Total Acidity* .....6.2 g/L  
*Alcohol*..... 14.5%  
*Harvest Date* .....9/16-9/21  
*Bottling Date* ..... August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018  
*Production* ..... 96 cases