### DOWNTOWN WALLA WALLA WINERY & TASTING ROOM

# FORGERON CELLARS

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Located in an old blacksmith workshop that has been transformed into a tasting room and state-of-the-art winery, Forgeron Cellars has crafted small-lot artisan wines since 2001. We continue to work with many of the region's top grape growers to ensure the production of some of the most appealing wines Washington has to offer.

## 2023 BLACKSMITH BLANC

Boushey Vineyard, Yakima Valley

Refreshing and crisp with flavors of honeycomb, citrus rind and melon. The blend of Picpoul and Marsanne creates a white wine experience unlike any other. This wine is perfect with a salad or lighter fish, and adds brightness to fruit and cheese. Serve chilled, not cold, for optimum, quality expression.

### **VINTAGE NOTES**

Budbreak in Washington was spotted in the late Spring, which started out cool but heated up considerably in May resulting in low-yields for some vineyards. The hot days pushed 2023's cool start, which was tracking two to three weeks behind towards more recent norms, with bloom seen across the state's vineyards around mid-May. After back-to-back unusual vintages, 2023 was the kind of vintage that we have come to expect in Washington state.

## **TECHNICAL DATA**

Composition: 29% Grenache Blanc, 26% Marsanne, 23% Semillon,

14% Viognier, 8% Picpoul

Vineyard: Boushey AVA: Yakima Valley

Coopering: 6 months in 100% stainless steel pH: 3.62 | TA: 5.10 g/L | Alcohol: 14.3

Bottled: February 2024 Production: 112 cases

