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Since 2001 Forgeron Cellars has been devoted to crafting artisanal, small-lot wines that explore the nuances of several highly respected and diverse vineyard sites throughout Washington's Columbia Valley. Showcasing the unblemished character within each varietal and revealing the unique vintage conditions of the fruit has resulted in a proud tradition of 90+ point award-winning wines.

2020 MALBEC

StoneTree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope

This vintage is all sorts of fun! Medium-bodied with a deft, lilting texture and opaque maroon hue. Absorbing aromas of Dark Opal basil, clove, cardamom, nightshade bloom, red lentils, violets (shrinking and otherwise), and cinnamon toast waft and wane. The palate shines with pomegranate, tart blueberry, and bright chimichurri. Supple and inviting with a, dare we say, *joyful* finish accented with a tinge of spearmint. If ever a wine could be called "yummy" it would be this one.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Washington Malbec continues to significantly differentiate itself from the meaty, rigid Argentine and savory, lightly bitter Southern French versions of the varietal. This vintage of Forgeron Cellars Malbec, with its spritely, playful overlay and interplay of feminine flavors and masculine mouthfeel, leans into food pairings in a versatile, user-friendly way that underscores the point of this food friendly wine.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 vintage started as most years do and harvest was anticipated to be a bit earlier than the previous year. Around July we saw temperatures begin to change, which caused ripening process to slow and result in later picking dates, and we ended up harvesting just a few days apart on most varietals from the previous year. We did experience smoke through the season, but with precautions taken at the winery (bucket ferments) were able to avoid its impact entirely.

TECHNICAL DATA

Composition: 100% Malbec
Vineyards: StoneTree Vineyard
AVA: Wahluke Slope
Coopering: 16 months in 20% new American oak, 80% neutral oak
pH: 3.55 | TA: 6.0 g/L | Alcohol: 14.4%
Bottled: March 2022
Production: 120 cases
UPC Code: 833959003231

