

WATERBROOK

WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

GOLDEN VALLEY

MERLOT

2021 | COLUMBIA VALLEY

TASTING NOTE

"Aromas of rose petal and black plum gracefully transition into flavors of blackberry and plum with hints of toasted oak. Full-bodied with smooth and accessible tannins, the wine finishes with additional floral notes complemented by luscious grape jelly flavors and a touch of black pepper. Pair with red meats or decadent sweets, such as rum cake or dark chocolate."

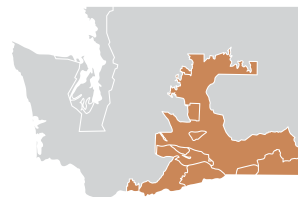
—John Freeman, Winemaker

VINTAGE NOTE

The 2021 growing season in Washington brought some of the warmest summer temperatures on record, and ultimately, a promising vintage with exceptional quality and flavors. Soaring vineyard temperatures were part of a 10-day heat streak in early summer, which, on the upside, helped prevent any disease from permeating the vines. Fortunately, our vineyard teams and management practices beat the heat and evaded damage. Veraison commenced in all our estate vineyards a few days ahead of last year. A modest yield of smaller, beautifully ripe fruit was the theme across our Washington estates. The reds from this 2021 vintage are bold with big tannins and concentrated flavors, with some of the darkest fruit seen in years; expect beautiful reds with cellar-worthy structure.

VINEYARDS

80% Alder Ridge Vineyard,
20% Bitner Estate Vineyard



WINEMAKING

Harvest: Sept. 10 - 28, 2021

Varietal Blend: 100% Merlot

Aging: 19 months in 35% new French oak

TA: 5.8 g/l

PH: 3.88

Alcohol: 14.3%

250 Cases Produced

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