

WATERBROOK

WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

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2020 ESTATE MERLOT

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

TASTING NOTE

"Aromas of tar, floral, and cherry blossom lead to flavors of red cherry, raspberry, and a hint of pomegranate. This is a medium bodied Merlot with bright and lively acid that leaves a lingering aftertaste of vanilla, sweet oak, and cherry pie."

—John Freeman, Winemaker

VINTAGE NOTE

The 2020 growing season proved to be an excellent year. Quality from this vintage has proven excellent due to stellar weather. Beautiful growing conditions during maturation and low disease pressure gave our winemakers a promising start. Smaller-than-anticipated tons per acre and relatively small berry size allowed the grapes to ripen earlier than prior years. The vineyard teams harvested earlier than usual while the weather outside was ideal. Most lots expressed exceptional fruity characteristics and darker colors, promising more intense flavor concentrations in the end result. Ultimately, 2020 delivered a high quality harvest.

VINEYARDS

100% Waterbrook Estate Vineyard,

Deep, silt loam soils that hold moisture are exceptionally paired with hot days and long, cool nights to produce wines with concentrated acids, sugars, and well-pronounced flavor.



WINEMAKING

Varietal Blend: 100% Merlot

TA: 6.79 g/l

Aging: 19 months in 40% new French oak

PH: 3.62

2018 | 91+ POINTS – *The Wine Advocate*

Alcohol: 12.5%

2017 | 90 POINTS – *Wine Enthusiast*



178 Cases Produced



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