# WATERBROOK

WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON



# 2020 CARMÉNÈRE

COLUMBIA VALLEY

### TASTING NOTE

"Aromatics of allspice and sweet cherry lead to flavors of black cherry, black pepper and mixed berry pie with a hint of sweet herb. This is a full-bodied wine with tart cherry finish mixed with oak and sweet vanilla."

-John Freeman, Winemaker

## VINTAGE NOTE

The 2020 growing season proved to be an excellent year, particularly for red varieties. 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. At harvest, the reds were showing more intensity in this vintage that the last few harvests; 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% Canyon Vineyard Ranch

Known for its many and varied microclimates (cool, warm, windy, hilly, flat), Columbia Valley is the umbrella AVA under which many of the state's



sub-AVAs fall. While it contains 99% of wine grapes grown in Washington state, 6,851 of its acres are unique to the Columbia Valley and don't overlap another sub-AVA in the state.

#### WINEMAKING

VARIETY PERCENTAGE: 100% Carménère

AGING: 18 months in 33% New American Oak

TA: 5.7 g/l | PH: 3.87

ALC: 12.47% | 441 Cases

#### ACCLAIM

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