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2012 Old Block Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla Valley AVA | 140 Cases Produced

Vineyard

Windrow Vineyard is the oldest commercially planted vineyard (1981) in the Walla Walla AVA. Talks to create the appellation happened on this soil. Situated on a bench created by thousands of years ago where Lower Dry Creek empties into the southern Walla Walla Valley, Windrow has a rare combination of heat during the day followed by a cool breeze flowing out of the Blue Mountains in the evenings. This diurnal shift allows us to grow our grapes until later in the season, increasing maturity while retaining enough acidity to maintain balance and structure. Ellisford Silt Loam is prevalent in this part of the Walla Walla Valley AVA. Windrow varies from deep deposits of windblown loess to shallow layers over gravelly cobble.

Old Block is part of the original planting of Seven Hills, dating back to 1981. At 8.6 acres, it is our largest Cabernet Sauvignon block and yields 2.7 tons per acre. It sits on fairly level ground and is planted north-south on primarily loess soil of varying depth, and with excellent drainage. This portion of the vineyard has the deepest soils.

Winemaking

After a very cold 2011, this vintage is touted to be one of the best in history. 2012 allowed the vines to ripen normally. The fruit could hang longer without worrying about things getting too ripe. That steady ripening also allowed for structure and elegance. The freshness of the fruit and acidity from the cool nights plus the concentration of color, tannins and richness because of the warm days makes the intensity remarkable. We got depth of color and flavor in an abundant crop that retained its desired acidity.

Tasting Notes

100% Windrow Vineyard Old Block Cabernet Sauvignon.

This is a hunker-down-with-a-good-book kind of wine. This wine exhibits classic aromas of wild blackberries, old tree cherries, Damson plums and black currants. On the palate, the dark fruit flavors are infused with black licorice, dark cocoa, bitterroot, Sumatra roast and basalt minerals. Baking spices kick on the mid-palate and round, supple tannins lead into a finish that echoes for miles.

Awards/Accolades

19.5/20 Points~ Rand Sealey, A Review of Washington Wines

