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### **2013 Hill Block Cabernet Sauvignon** **Walla Walla Valley AVA | 95 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.

Hill Block was planted in 1998, making it our youngest of the Cabernet vines at Windrow. At 3.8 acres and a yield of 2.9 tons per acre, it has a row orientation of north/south and northwest/southeast as it wraps around the hill. With shallow soils that do not retain water, this is our thirstiest block. It has greater afternoon sun and takes the brunt of the wind, giving it thicker skins than our Plateau or Old Blocks.

#### **Winemaking**

This year was a warm growing season in Washington, with above-average temperatures throughout spring and summer and notably warmer-than-average nighttime temperatures. A dramatic mid-September drop in temperatures extended harvest into early November.

#### **Tasting Notes**

100% Windrow Vineyard Hill Block Cabernet Sauvignon.

If you thought the 2012 vintage of Hill Block was spectacular, then the 2013 is going to blow you away! A gorgeous garnet color, the aromas leap out of the glass before you even get it to your lips. On the nose, one gets a beautiful combination of black cherries, licorice, cigar box, and earth. This wine is full-bodied, well balanced and rich with flavors of cherry, vanilla, baking spice, sweet tobacco, and a hint of pomegranate on the finish. A bit of dark chocolate brings out a bright strawberry note reminiscent of eating a chocolate covered strawberry. Pair this wine with good friends...no food necessary.