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2015 DC3 Blend
59% Merlot, 41% Cabernet Franc, Windrow Vineyard
Walla Walla Valley AVA | 142 Cases Produced

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Vineyard

Windrow Vineyard is the oldest commercially planted vineyard 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.

Winemaking

The 2015 vintage was a challenging year as it was the hottest growing season on record—a step up from the hot 2013 vintage and even hotter 2014 especially for Merlot which makes up 59% of this blend. Balanced beautifully by our Estate Cabernet Franc, we dare say this vintage is even better than the highly acclaimed 2014.

Tasting Notes

Rich ruby in color, this distinctive blend from our estate vineyard has aromas of freshly baked blackberry pie, cherry, chocolate, violets and vanilla with earthy counterparts of leather, tobacco, lush herbs, grasses and white pepper. This is a full-bodied wine with flavors of briny minerals, leather, cedar, pepper and pipe tobacco balanced by dried Rainier cherry, licorice, cassis, spiced punch, cinnamon, figs and dark chocolate. The intoxicating blend of flavors will make you fall in love with life all over again and speaks to climate, culture and place. Pair with grilled Tri-Tip or French pork roast while watching the sunset.

