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2015 ST (Super Tuscan) Walla Walla Valley AVA | 220 Cases Produced



Blend

56% Estate Sangiovese, 44% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyards

The Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon for this blend favorite comes from Windrow Vineyard. Windrow is the oldest commercially planted vineyard (1981) in the Walla Walla AVA. Situated 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

Our version of a “Super Tuscan”, the unofficial star of Italian wines, the S.T is a hit every vintage. 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. This hot, sunny growing season yielded a full-bodied wine with ripe flavors and formidable tannins. The percentages of Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon are the same as the 2014 but it is a completely different wine this year. Give it 30 minutes in a decanter and enjoy!

Tasting Notes

This 56% Sangiovese, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon combination exhibits a semi-opaque ruby-garnet color and a seductive nose of wild raspberries, black cherries, plums, rose petals, sweet tobacco, mulberry, orange peel, sandalwood and incense. The flavors, as well, are dramatic, with layers of thick black and red fruits that are infused with licorice, dark cocoa, French roast and silty minerals. The penetration continues on the back with roasted berries and chestnuts, mocha, ground charcoal and burnt toast, followed by a lingering dryish moderate tannin finish that evokes a “Super Tuscan” red.~Rand Sealey

Awards/Accolades

19+/20 Points~Rand Sealey, A Review of WA Wines