



TA: 0.52 g/100mL

PH: 3.84

ALCOHOL: 14.9%

BLEND:

89 % Merlot, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Syrah

WAHLUKE SLOPE

2018 Limited Release Block 9 Merlot

VINTAGE NOTES

- 2018 was another stellar growing season and vintage in Washington.
- Warm spring temperatures were followed by mild conditions throughout the growing season allowing for extended hang time and flavor development.
- Warm fall days allowed for full ripeness and color, while cool Washington nights helped maintain crisp natural acidity.

VINEYARD NOTES

- 91% of the fruit was sourced from the Wahluke Slope, one of the warmest regions in Washington state that creates big and bold wines.
- The remaining 9% was sourced from Horse Heaven Hills AVA.
- The Wahluke Slope is bordered on both the west and the south by the Columbia River and to the north by the Saddle Mountains.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- Grapes were destemmed and sorted with a cutting-edge grape receiving and separation system designed to gently deliver fruit to the fermenters.
- Each individual fermentation tank is tasted daily to evaluate the development of the tannins and structure.
- Aged for 21 months in 49% new French and 51% neutral French oak.

TASTING NOTES

“Our 2018 Block Nine Merlot plays with a chip on its shoulder! It’s a perfect example of why Merlot from Washington State is so distinctively delicious! The palate is dense and richly textured due to signature mouth-filling tannins. Alluring layers of sweet cherry compote and mocha round out the palate.” – Tristan Butterfield