



WALLA WALLA VALLEY

2019 Mule Skinner Merlot

VINTAGE NOTES

- Spring was relatively wet and mild. Summer was cooler than normal with only two days above 3-digit temperatures.
- Favorable conditions led to good flavor development and relatively low brix in the fruit.
- Merlot was harvested in mid-September.

VINEYARD NOTES

- Spring Valley Vineyard lies 12 miles northeast of Walla Walla, amid the picturesque wheat fields of southeastern Washington.
- The initial block of Merlot was planted in 1993 on a southern hillside facing southwest.
- Great care is taken in the vineyard. Every grape is tended by hand, including crop thinning, leaf pulling, and harvesting.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- Spring Valley Vineyard fruit is hand-picked, hand-sorted and gently de-stemmed by gravity.
- In keeping with Spring Valley tradition, hand punch-downs occurred twice a day until the end of alcoholic fermentation.
- The wine was transferred by pump into barrels for secondary fermentation. Aged for 30 months in a combination of French oak and stainless steel.

TASTING NOTES

“The 2019 Muleskinner Merlot reveals our traditional Spring Valley Vineyard rusticity. Focused flavors of black cherries are complemented by cedar, herbs and floral notes.” – Serge Lavielle, Winemaker

TA: 0.57g/100mL

PH: 3.72

ALCOHOL: 13.8

BLEND:

100% Estate Bottled Merlot