



TA: 0.56 g/100mL

PH: 3.79

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

BLEND:

49% Syrah, 45% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### COLUMBIA VALLEY

## 2020 Grand Estates Red Wine Blend

#### VINTAGE NOTES

- The 2020 growing season saw average to warmer-than-average spring and fall temperatures allowing for long hang times, slow ripening, and nice flavor development.
- Minimal rainfall allowed for optimal canopy management through irrigation.
- 2020 saw Eastern Washington's quintessential dry summer with long, warm days and cool nights for optimal flavor development and earlier ripening.
- Lower than average crop yields at harvest time provided high quality fruit with great concentration of flavors.

#### VINEYARD NOTES

- Fruit was sourced from premier vineyard sites throughout the Columbia Valley, including Yakima Valley, Horse Heaven Hills and Wahluke Slope.
- The Columbia Valley is mostly dry with less precipitation due to the rain shadow effect from the surrounding Cascade Mountain range.
- Vineyards are 100% drip irrigation. This, combined with the low water-holding capacity of the soil, allow for precise control of the vines.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

- The grapes were destemmed and fermented to optimize varietal expression of the growing region.
- After fermentation the wine is aged on a combination of new and neutral oak for 12-18 months.
- All the lots are evaluated throughout aging. This ensures that the wines are at ideal quality when it comes time for blending.

#### RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRINGS

- Pair this Red Blend with BBQ pork with grilled peppers, and soft cheeses.

#### TASTING NOTES

This Red Blend has aromas dark plum, dried cassis, and tobacco. A round entry shows flavors of chocolate covered dried cherries leading to a long and smooth finish.