



TA: 0.53 g/100mL

PH: 3.84

ALCOHOL: 14.9%

BLEND: 66% Grenache, 22% Mourvèdre, 12% Syrah

CASE PRODUCTION:

150

#### WAHLUKE SLOPE

## 2020 Reserve GSM Red Wine Blend, James Vineyard

#### 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

- James Vineyard is grown on 140 acres in the heart of the Wahluke Slope.
- The site is on a gradual slope with rocky soil which optimizes heat throughout the season, resulting in ripe concentrated flavors.
- James Vineyard is a warm dry site where irrigation is controlled. This along with meticulous vineyard practices makes for superb fruit.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

- Handpicked grapes were destemmed, sorted and then fermented in a small stainless steel tank to retain varietal character and freshness.
- Pump overs occurred twice-daily during fermentation on skins to aerate the wine.
- Each barrel in the lot was tasted and hand-selected for the blend just prior to bottling.

#### RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRINGS

- Goes well with grilled meats such as steak rib-eye, mushrooms, and charcuterie.

#### TASTING NOTES

Aromas of black pepper and brambly fruit. The palate offers ripe cherry, plum, and baking spice.