



TA: 0.55 g/100 mL

PH: 3.82

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

BLEND:

51% Merlot, 32% Syrah, 16% Cabernet  
Sauvignon & 1% other red varieties

COLUMBIA VALLEY

## 2021 "Hot to Trot" Smooth Red Wine Blend

### VINTAGE NOTES

- 2021 was a very warm growing season which resulted in intensely concentrated flavors in the wines.
- Our typical cool nights during harvest helped us retain the wonderful natural acidity Washington is known for.
- The season produced red wines dark in color and dense in concentration and white wines with varietal character and bright vibrancy.

### VINEYARD NOTES

- The Columbia Valley's unique and ideal conditions create grapes with both rich flavors and crisp acidity.
- The region's latitude provides an extra hour of sunlight (and heat) during the peak of the growing season, creating intense fruit flavors.
- Columbia Valley vineyards lie in the rain shadow of the Cascade Mountains and receive just 6-8 inches of rainfall each year.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

- Grapes were sourced from vineyards throughout the Columbia Valley.
- Red varieties including Merlot, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon were gently destemmed and fermented for approximately 6 days on the skins.
- Aging took place in a combination of stainless-steel tanks & neutral French and American oak to preserve fresh fruit flavors & soften the wine.

### RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRINGS

- BBQ pork, grilled portabella mushrooms, lasagna and hearty cheeses.

### TASTING NOTES

This polished red wine offers aromas of cherry, red currant, and tea. Flavors of cherry pie, ripe berries, and plums, supported by a frame of refined tannins, give way to subtle notes of baking spice on a persistent finish. — Keith Kenison, Winemaker