



TA: 0.51 g/100 mL

PH: 3.99

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

BLEND: 100% Estate Bottled Cabernet Sauvignon

CASE PRODUCTION:

311

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

## 2021 Derby Cabernet Sauvignon

### VINTAGE NOTES

- 2021 was a vintage like no other. Spring was cool and dry and was followed by record high temperatures in the summer.
- In late June, temperatures topped 116°F, and weather conditions created a heat dome over the Northwest.
- Fortunately, late September and early October were cooler, allowing the fruit to reach sufficient maturity and flavor development.
- The season produced red wines with generous tannic structure that will age beautifully.

### VINEYARD NOTES

- Spring Valley Vineyard lies twelve miles northeast of Walla Walla, amid the picturesque wheat fields of southeastern Washington.
- The vines follow the north-south slope of the hills in vertical rows that take advantage of air drainage and sunshine.
- Every grape cluster was tended by hand, including crop thinning, leaf pulling and harvesting.

### HISTORY NOTES

- These wines are a tribute to the family members who have succeeded in farming the same land where the vineyard and winery now flourish.
- This wine represents the marriage of Shari Corkrum and Dean Derby and brings the Derby heritage to the Spring Valley wines.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

- Spring Valley Vineyard fruit was 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 21 months in Bordeaux barrels.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2021 Derby is made of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon estate fruit, with complexity and purity as the ultimate goal for this wine. This wine offers focused flavors of blackberries and candied fruit. The mid-palate is intense, with juicy tannins and herbal notes on the long-lasting finish. – Kate Derby, winemaker