

TA: 0.48 g/100 mL

PH: 4.1

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

BLEND:

100% Cabernet Franc

#### WALLA WALLA VALLEY

# 2021 Katherine Corkrum Cabernet Franc

### ADDITIONAL NOTES

The names given to Spring Valley Vineyard wines are a tribute to the family members who once owned the land where the vineyard and winery now flourish. This Cabernet Franc is named in honor of Uriah Corkrum's wife Katherine, a native of Wales who immigrated to Walla Walla Territory in 1897.

#### 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 flow, drainage and sunshine.
- Every grape cluster 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 from our estate vineyards.
- During the 12-14 day fermentation, each tank is tasted daily until Kate Derby decides it is time to press using stainless steel basket presses.
- The wine is transferred into barrels for secondary fermentation and is racked 3 times for clarity.

## TASTING NOTES

This wine is beautifully structured with great texture. On the nose, this wine offers aromas of lilac and dry herbs, giving a welcoming, rustic scent. The palate is vibrant with notes of red fruit, cassis, and warm strawberry rhubarb pie. The finish is velvety, yet offers bright and beautiful natural acidity.