



WALLA WALLA VALLEY

## 2021 Malbec

### 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.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

- Spring Valley Vineyard fruit is 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 30 months in French oak.

### TASTING NOTES

Our Malbec is made from a blend of our original block of Malbec planted in 2001 and a block planted in 2007. The nose has plenty of aromas of candied fruit, violet and alfalfa. The wine is focused on gentle fruit, with a perfect balance of spices. – Kate Derby, Winemaker

TA: 0.63 g/100 mL

PH: 3.70

ALCOHOL: 14.4%

BLEND: 100% Estate Bottled Malbec

CASE PRODUCTION:

175