



TA: 0.51 g/100 mL

PH: 3.92

ALCOHOL: 13.8%

BLEND: 100% Estate Bottled Merlot

CASE PRODUCTION:

266

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

2021 Mule Skinner Merlot

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.

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 21 months in French oak.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2021 Muleskinner Merlot reveals our traditional Spring Valley Vineyard rusticity. This wine is made up of 100% estate grown Merlot that showcases the terroir and varietal. Focused flavors of black cherries are complemented by notes of Cedar, herbs, and floral notes. – Kate Derby, Winemaker