



WALLA WALLA VALLEY

2022 Mule Skinner Merlot

VINTAGE NOTES

- The 2022 season started with an unusually cool and wet spring. Below average temperatures from April to July caused delay in ripening, causing a late harvest.
- All of the moisture in the ground helped develop beautiful canopies with a nice size crop.
- The quality of fruit was outstanding, producing very promising wines that show nice acidity and beautiful flavors.

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 18 months in French oak.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2022 Mule Skinner 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 Eucalyptus, herbs, and floral notes. – Kate Derby, Winemaker

TA: 0.56 g/100 mL

PH: 3.80

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

BLEND: 100% Estate Bottled Merlot

CASE PRODUCTION:

300