



TA: 0.54g/100mL

PH: 3.86

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

BLEND: 100% Estate Bottled Merlot

CASE PRODUCTION:

460

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

2023 Mule Skinner Merlot

ADDITIONAL NOTES

The names given to Spring Valley Vineyard 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.

VINTAGE NOTES

- The 2023 season started with a cool spring, followed by ideal conditions during the summer with warm days and cool nights perfect for grape maturity and flavor development.
- Lower yields, uniform canopies, and even ripening contributed to exceptional quality.
- Harvest began earlier than usual with grapes showing excellent ripe flavor profiles, natural acidity, and nice tannins.

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

- During the 10-20 day fermentation, each tank is tasted daily until the winemaker decides when to press using stainless steel basket press.
- The wine is transferred into barrels for secondary fermentation. The wine will be racked two more times before it is bottled.
- The wine spends about 18 months in 100% French oak.

TASTING NOTES

This wine showcases our traditional Spring Valley Vineyard rusticity. It is made up of 100% estate grown Merlot that showcases the terroir and varietal. Focused flavors of red cherries are complemented by notes of eucalyptus, herbs, and floral notes with a spritz on the mid-palate that will keep you going back for more.