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ESTATES

2013 DC3 Blend
Walla Walla Valley AVA | 112 Cases Produced



Vineyard

Windrow Vineyard is the oldest commercially planted vineyard in the Walla Walla AVA. Talks to create the appellation happened on this soil. Situated on a bench created by thousands of years ago where Lower Dry Creek empties into the southern Walla Walla Valley, Windrow has a rare combination of heat during the day followed by a cool breeze flowing out of the Blue Mountains in the evenings. This diurnal shift allows us to grow our grapes until later in the season, increasing maturity while retaining enough acidity to maintain balance and structure. Ellisford Silt Loam is prevalent in this part of the Walla Walla Valley AVA. Windrow varies from deep deposits of windblown loess to shallow layers over gravelly cobble.

Winemaking

This was the warmest vintage in many years but cooled off just in time for harvest. The resulting wines showed beautiful, ripe flavors and picking proceeded at a normal pace. We aged this blend in 20% new French oak and 80% neutral French oak for 26 months prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

This wine takes its name from Herb Hendricks' Duggar Creek Cattle Company (DC3) part of whose land became Windrow Vineyard. A blend of 56% Estate Cabernet Franc and 44% Estate Merlot, this wine shows a semi opaque ruby color and rich aromas of wild blackberries, Bing cherries, Damson plums, crushed black roses, pipe tobacco, cedar, olive, sage, and spiced incense. The flavors mirror the aromatics with thick, dark fruits that are intermixed with black licorice, Swiss chocolate, roasted coffee beans, and loamy earth. The back picks up roasted berries and nuts, mocha, toffee, and dried spiced cherries, followed by a lingering, savory ripe tannin finish.

Award/Accolades

19+/20 Points~ Rand Sealey, A Review of Washington Wines
Best in Class~ Seattle Wine Awards 2017
Best in Class~ Oregon Wine Awards 2017
Gold Medal~ Walla Walla Valley Wine Competition 2017
Judges Pick~ Sip Northwest Best of 2017