

# TERO

## ESTATES

### **2014 ST (Super Tuscan)** **Walla Walla Valley AVA | 448 Cases Produced**



#### **Blend**

56% Estate Sangiovese, 44% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

#### **Vineyards**

The Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon for this blend favorite comes from Windrow Vineyard. Windrow is the oldest commercially planted vineyard (1981) in the Walla Walla AVA. Situated 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 is our restaurant glass pour favorite. Our version of a “Super Tuscan”, the unofficial star of Italian wines, is a runaway hit every vintage. This vintage was no exception. Warm temperatures and an abundant, early crop produced picture-perfect grapes with soft tannins in the reds. With no rain, no early freezes and a harvest that was mostly done about two weeks ahead of usual, Doug was a happy winemaker. There were no heat spikes and cool nighttime temperatures so the acidity balances in the young wines look to be ideal. A perfect Indian summer...

#### **Tasting Notes**

This “Super Tuscan” style combination of 56% Sangiovese and 44% Cabernet Sauvignon offers a deep ruby color and enticing aromas of raspberry, cherry and plum with scents of crushed roses, mulberry, sweet tobacco, anise, rosemary, sage and incense. The two varieties meld together nicely with ample, yet focused dark fruits that are intermixed with licorice, Toblerone chocolate, espresso and mineral earth.

On the back, the wine thickens with the Cab coming forward with notes of macerated berries, roasted nuts and graphite, and then smoothing out on the finish with the slightly herbal sweet Tuscan-like sweet-dry tannins.

#### **Awards/Accolades**

19/20 Points~ Rand Sealey, A Review of Washington Wines