



Basel Cellars
ESTATE WINERY

2012

CABERNET SAUVIGNON WALLA WALLA VALLEY



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The much warmer and abundant harvest of 2012 gave us the opportunity to select the best block of Cabernet Sauvignon for this estate bottling. The diversity of Block 9 and its distinct terroir deliver exciting and strong nuances in this exclusive offering of Cabernet. Small, ripe and intense berries were handled with special care in the cellar to reveal the real taste and flavor profile of this particular block. The powerful notes and rich qualities in the wine set the perfect tone for elegance and balance during the 22 months of French oak barrel aging. In the late Spring of 2014 the barrels with the most character and complexity were chosen for this blend.

This Cabernet exhibits an expressive fragrance of ripe cherry, black currant and licorice. It is floral, yet earthy, showcasing hints of lavender, red root vegetables, wet stone and dry leaves. It is well structured in the mid-palate, with an intensity of red fruit lingering between multiple layers of oak, fleshy tannins and stable acidity. The luscious mouth feel will remain consistent and balanced, with a long and satisfying aftertaste of fine oak. The structure and tannin profile of this wine will beg for a pairing with beef brisket, grilled lamb ribs with red cabbage or beef tenderloin with blackberry dressing. Enjoy!

TECHNICAL DATA

Vintage: 2012

Varieties: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Oak: 100% French oak 18 months

Alcohol: 15.2%

pH: 3.92

T.A. 5.5g/L

R.S. 0.2g/L

Production: 87 cases