



2016

INSPIRED



This is our first Inspired blend crafted from the Walla Walla AVA. The most elegant and complex barrels from our Merlot and Cabernet Franc lots were blended for our beloved “right-bank Bordeaux.” Picking at optimum ripeness, but manageable sugar levels helped us retain essential fruit qualities and varietal character during the fermentation process. Gentle methods of extracting were crucial to maintain tannin balance while preserving freshness and color during this time. These one-of-a-kind lots were gently pressed towards the end of primary fermentation and were transferred to new and second fill French oak barrels. Our Merlot in this blend aged in mostly medium toasted barrels, and helped us achieve proper fruit and oak integration. The pre-selected Cabernet Franc matured in medium long and medium plus toasted barrels, lifting the intensity of the fruit but also creating a beautiful accent behind the wine. After 20 months of aging, the most expressive barrels were chosen for the final blend.

The prominent nose will reveal a fusion of blue fruit and jammy aromas, with noticeable hints of ripe plum, blueberries and blackberry. An alluring fragrance with floral notes of lavender and rose petal will fill your glass after a little aeration. Warm, soft tones of oak, cigar box and tobacco marry elegantly with the fruit -driven nuances of the expressive bouquet.

The round and pleasant mouthfeel consists of fleshy red fruit, coating the mid-palate. The supple sensation with layers of berry fruit will linger until the finish, with balanced tannins framing the structure of the palate. The acidity is modest, but sufficient enough to complement and lift the vibrant fruit. This Inspired can definitely stand alone, but will show even more intensity and depth when paired with grilled lamb kabobs, farm raised pork shoulder roast with root vegetables or a braised duck breast with plum sauce and mushroom risotto.

TECHNICAL DATA

VARIETIES: 57% Merlot, 43% Cabernet Franc

APPELLATION: Walla Walla Valley

VINEYARDS: Double River Vineyard, Les Collines Vineyard

ALC: 15.0%

PRODUCTION: 283 cases

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