



WOODWARD CANYON

2019 WALLA WALLA VALLEY ESTATE MERLOT

This 2019 Walla Walla Valley Estate Merlot was produced from grapes grown at Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard (Salmon Safe certified) at the western edge of the Walla Walla Valley. This mature, south-facing, “old vine” vineyard block (Clone 3) is now 24 years of age. The newer Merlot block (Clone 181) is younger but very impressive. The 2019 vintage was warm and dry with Estate Merlot blocks averaging higher than normal yields from 3.7 - 4.4 tons per acre.

ACCLAIM

92 Points, *Vinous* (v2019)

92 Points, Cellar Selection, *Wine Enthusiast* (v2018)

92 Points, *Owen Bargreen* (v2018)

91 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck* (v2018)

VINEYARD

Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard

Established in 1976, Woodward Canyon is the westernmost vineyard in Walla Walla Valley AVA, roughly 15 miles west of Walla Walla, Washington. There are 41 vineyard acres planted and several more acres of green belts that support native species such as western juniper, ponderosa pine, western sagebrush, arrowleaf balsamroot, and perennial wildflowers. Ritzville silt loam over fractured basalt, slope 15-18%, 750-850ft elevation. Managed by Woodward Canyon. All grapes are Salmon Safe certified as is the wine.

TASTING NOTES

The wine shows beautifully with rich fruit, balanced acidity, and fine grained tannins. Enticing notes of bramble fruit jam, mellow spiced oak, and leather come forth. The full-bodied mouthfeel leads to complex flavors of black olive and spice. This wine is generous and balanced enough to enjoy now, yet has the complexity and structure to age well for six years or more. Pair with your favorite creamy pasta dishes or roasted salmon with Brussel Sprouts and lardon.



WINE DATA

Varietal composition:

100% Merlot

Alcohol: 14.5%

Bottling Date: June 30, 2021

Release Date: October 2021

MSRP: \$52

Case Production: 267 cases

WINEMAKING

Hand harvested and sorted

48 hour cold soak

Fermented in 2-ton stainless steel fermenters

91% new French Barrels, 21 months