



WOODWARD CANYON

2020 WALLA WALLA VALLEY ESTATE MERLOT

This 2020 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. The mature, south-facing, “old vine” vineyard block (Clone 3) is now 25 years of age. The newer Merlot block (Clone 181) is younger but very impressive. The 2020 vintage was warm and dry with Estate Merlot blocks averaging lower than normal yields from 1.6 - 2.6 tons per acre.

ACCLAIM

93 Points, *Owen Bargreen*

92 Points, *Vinous* (v2019)

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

91 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck* (v2018)

VINEYARD

Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard

Planted in 1977, Woodward Canyon is the westernmost vineyard in the 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

This wine shows beautifully, with rich high toned fruit, balanced acidity and great proportion. Enticing notes of black cherry, spiced oak, and leather come forth on the nose. A full-bodied mouthfeel leads to complex flavors of black fruit, mocha and earth. The wine is generous and balanced enough to enjoy now, yet with the complexity and structure to age well for six years or more. Pair with your favorite roasted pork tenderloin or roasted chicken.



WINE DATA

Varietal composition:

100% Merlot

Alcohol: 14.8%

Bottling Date: May 13, 2022

Release Date: September 10, 2022

MSRP: \$52

Case Production: 397 cases

WINEMAKING

Hand harvested and sorted

48 hour cold soak

Fermented in 2-ton stainless steel fermenters

47% new French & Hungarian Barrels, 20 months