

FROM THE WINEMAKER

Greetings from Walla Walla,

There is one good thing we can say about 2020: it has been a great growing season! Spring was really quite wet but without frost pressure, so the fruit set was good and healthy. We seem to be fairly close to the average accumulation of heat units (growing days) needed for the season which is great news, and for 2020 we're happy to take average anything. This harvest, we're excited to break in some new crush equipment which includes a crusher destemmer and sorting table. We couldn't be more thrilled to have our hot little hands on every berry this year. 2020 should be a stellar vintage.

Featured in this shipment, we are excited to share with you a real stunner: the 2018 Summit View Vineyard Malbec. The Summit View Vineyard is just up the hill from Seven Hills Vineyard located on the south end of the Walla Walla Valley AVA. Wow, what an awesome vintage for Malbec! This wine is dense and inky with great color and acidity. For our Red Only Club members, you'll also receive the 2018 Trivulet: an elegant blend of Cabernet Franc and Merlot with a lovely array of fall inspired flavors that pairs well with a wide variety of appetizers and dishes.

For our Mixed Club & White Wine Only members, we present a brand new release: our Artz Vineyard Semillon-Sauvignon Blanc. Sourced from the Artz Vineyard in the Red Mountain AVA, our Semillon-Sauvignon Blanc harkens back to the days of our White Meritage. We love this blend and think we found the perfect fruit to make it shine.

A big thank you to everyone who has hung in there with us as we continue to navigate the best way to serve you during these challenging times. We have enjoyed hosting those that have made it to the winery, so we hope to see more of you as harvest and fall arrive. We are so fortunate to have enough space both inside and out to entertain your palates.

Stay safe & healthy,
Holly Turner



2019 SEMILLON-SAUVIGNON BLANC

ARTZ VINEYARD, RED MOUNTAIN

The Artz Vineyard is planted on the lower bench of Red Mountain overlooking the Yakima River at an elevation of 652' facing southwest. Our intention with this blend was to highlight each of the varietal aromatics and characteristics to create a crisp yet elegant white blend. Bright aromatics and flavors of lemon grass, star fruit, fresh baked lemon tart and white blossom fill the glass and lead to a refreshingly long finish. The Semillon and sur lie aging add weight to the mid-palate which gives the wine beautiful depth while remaining zesty, clean and crisp.

VARIETAL BLEND 67% Semillon & 33% Sauvignon Blanc

AGING 8 months in French Oak, 10% new

Retail: \$38.00; Wine Club Price: \$30.40; Reorder Price \$26.60



2018 MALBEC

SUMMIT VIEW VINEYARD, WALLA WALLA VALLEY

The Summit View Vineyard sits atop of the SeVein Property in the Southwest corner of the Walla Walla Valley AVA, on a north slope aspect at an elevation of 1200'. This provides great air drainage resulting in mostly frost-free conditions and is one of the warmest vineyard sites in the Northwest. The soil is predominately Ellisforde Silt Loam, which is wind-blown glacial loess. Truly a jewel from Walla Walla Valley, this is a brilliant expression of Malbec. Dark berry aromatics lead to juicy flavors of sweet salal berry, cola and a hint of slate. This robust and structured wine leads to a slightly dusty finish with dense, layered tannins.

VARIETAL BLEND 100% Malbec

AGING 17 months in French oak, 67% new

Retail: \$38.00; Wine Club Price: \$30.40; Reorder Price \$26.60



2018 TRIVULET

WAHLUKE SLOPE

We really enjoy blends, but coming up with a name can be tricky. To stay with the river theme, we liked the word "Rivulet" (a very small stream). This word would have been perfect, but it was taken by another name seeker. So undeterred, we added a "T" and created our own word, "Trivulet" (pronounced with French flair, like beret). The 2018 Trivulet is our version of an old-world, right-bank classic blend of Cabernet Franc and Merlot. These noble varietals marry so well, no wonder this combo is considered one of the best in the world. The aromatics are a luxurious blend of fresh raspberries, red currants and delicate floral blossoms. On the palate, vibrant juicy flavors are accented with hints of fresh minerality that lead to a bright, mouthwatering finish.

VARIETAL BLEND 50% Cabernet Franc & 50% Malbec

AGING 17 months in 40% new French oak

Retail: \$38.00; Wine Club Price: \$30.40; Reorder Price \$26.60



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