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2022 SVELTE

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 9% Malbec, 9% Petit Verdot 100% Red Mountain

VINTAGE NOTES

2022 was a unique vintage for Washington. We started the growing season with a 2-4 week delay due to a cool and exceedingly wet spring. A normal summer followed, but the real surprise was a very warm October which allowed the fruit to finish ripening without any frost pressure. Harvest finished for us at the end of October.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

In 2006 we created this stunning blend that didn't stick to just Bordeaux varietals so we needed to come up with a proprietary name for our top tier blend. We were updating our look for this bottle as well so it was perfect timing. We searched high and low and were enamored with the word "Svelte": urbane, suave, sleek and polished. This word was the perfect fit to describe our elegant beauty. Over a decade later, we still get excited making this age-worthy blend with no constraints. Each year we taste through every barrel in our cellar and rate them by color, aromatics, flavors, balance, intensity, complexity and varietal and site accuracy. The highest rated wines become candidates for our Svelte. With the addition of aging in 100% new French oak for an extended period of time, we hope to lift the fruit to new heights. Our 2022 vintage has aromas of black currant and boysenberry pie with hints of sandalwood blossom. Flavors of brooding dark fruit, cola, umami, and cocoa lead to a lengthy finish.

SPECIFICATIONS

AGING: 17 months in 100% new French oak

pH: 3.76 TA: 5.5 g/L ALCOHOL: 13.9%

BOTTLING DATE: April 8, 2024 PRODUCTION: 169 Cases