

Leonetti Cellar
2000 RESERVE
Walla Walla Valley

Vintage Notes:

The weather was quite the opposite in 2000 than 1999, with a very warm summer and quite cool harvest season. The result however, was similar to 1999, with long “hang time”, deep color, balanced acidity and tannin, and intense, concentrated fruit flavors. Those who were patient at harvest time (and we were) were rewarded with exceptional fruit.

Winemaker notes:

The 2000 vintage marks a change for our Reserve program. As always, our Reserve will only be produced in vintages we deem worthy and capable of producing such a wine. However, we have decided to not limit ourselves to producing only a varietal Cabernet Sauvignon. The goal with our Reserve is to produce simply the finest, most hedonistic wine possible, regardless of varietal content. We’ve come to realize that there may be years where the best blend isn’t necessarily more than 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, although this variety will always be a firm foundation for the wine. Our 2000 Reserve reveals beautifully deep color and a bright, high tone nose of ripe fruits, cedar, and spicy oak-influenced vanillin. This is a tightly wound wine with long aging potential that will be immediately pleasing as well.

Vineyards in this Wine

Mill Creek Upland, Seven Hills and Leonetti Estate Vineyards all Walla Walla Valley vineyards.

Aging Profile

Aged in new French, American, and Oregon oak barrels for 22 months.

Blending Detail

Cabernet Sauvignon 40%, Merlot 40% Cabernet Franc 10%, Petit Verdot 10%.

Production

Six Hundred Sixty-five cases produced.

\$95 Retail