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2003 Cabernet Sauvignon

Walla Walla Valley

Vintage Notes:

Leonetti Cellar

Much like 2002, the 2003 vintage was incredible for its lack of precipitation. While Eastern Washington normally has little growing season rain – to have vintages nearly devoid of rain is quite unusual. In its' place was our usual glorious warming sunshine and refreshingly cool nights. Spring time bloom occurred without event, resulting in even set and eventual ripening. All the blocks were picked at perfect maturity, with no rush to pick necessary ahead of rains.

Winemaker Notes:

Our deeply colored 2003 Cabernet has a stunning high-toned nose of ripe fruit, crème cassis, hints of sandalwood, and spicebox which all jump from the glass. An intense but lovely wine, the palate is loaded with ripe, sweet tannin and palate coating glycerin leading to a wonderfully long finish. A classic Cabernet that drinks well now but will reward long term cellaring as well.

Vineyards in this Wine

Mill Creek Upland, Seven Hills, Pepper Bridge, and Leonetti Estate Vineyard 100% Walla Walla Valley

| Aging Profile | Blending Detail | Production | Winery Retail |
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| Aged in new French | Cabernet Sauvignon | Two thousand, one | \$70 |
| and American oak | 75%, Merlot 18% | hundred and ninety- | |
| barrels for 22 | Cabernet Franc 3%, | eight cases | |
| months | Carmenere 3%. | produced | |

