

Leonetti Cellar

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2003 RESERVE

Walla Walla Valley

Winemaker notes:

As always, Leonetti Reserve reflects our efforts to produce a wine amongst the finest in the world. It is only produced in exceptional vintages and blended in varying varietal percentages through diligent selection of individual barrels to bottle the greatest wine possible. 2003 represents a milestone in that it is the 4th consecutive year we have deemed the vintage worthy of producing Reserve. As you'll notice in the Cabernet bottling, the vintage was just wonderful for Cabernet – and not surprisingly that varietal makes up the highest percentage (71%) of the last 4 Reserves.

This wine has a beautiful and deeply saturated purplish-red hue. A deep, brooding nose reveals black fruits, rose petals, and a penetrating mix of other floral notes with perfectly ripe sweet fruit, blackberries, and plums. Secondary notes of vanilla cream, toasty French oak, earth, minerals, and tobacco reveal themselves with time in the glass. The mouthfeel is wonderfully dense, with ripe chalky tannins and a seamless, persistent finish. A wonderfully complex wine that will undoubtedly evolve and offer drinking pleasure for the next two decades or more. We feel we have produced a monumental wine and trust you will agree.

Vineyards in this Wine

Mill Creek Upland 87% and Leonetti Estate 13% 100% Estate Grown in the Walla Walla Valley

Aging Profile

Aged in new French and custom coopered American oak barrels for 22 months

Blending Detail

Cabernet Sauvignon 71%, Merlot 16%, Petit Verdot 13%

Production

Seven Hundred and fifty-five cases produced.

Winery Retail

\$100