2018

MERLOT

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

Our first release from 2018 is a true marker of this extraordinarily high-quality vintage. Extremely dark and impressively structured. Bursting from the glass are aromatics of roses, other florals, ripe mixed plums, planed cedar, and a creamy cinnamon roll note that is enticingly seductive. The wine is broad and rich on the palate with incredible density of fruit and very fine-grained tannins. In a vintage like this one, the blend simply beckoned to be a 100% Merlot as it needs no support from other Bordeaux varieties. Our exceptional Loess Vineyard fruit makes up a full two-thirds of the blend with the balance contributed by Mill Creek Upland as well as our 40-year-old original block at the Leonetti winery.

TASTING NOTES

VINEYARDS IN THIS WINE
Loess
Mill Creek Upland
Leonetti Old Block

AGING PROFILE
15 months in new and once-filled French oak barrels and neutral oval botti

BLENDING DETAIL
100% Merlot

ALCOHOL PERCENTAGE
14.4%

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