



2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla Valley

James Suckling 95 points

Vintage Description

2015 was a HOT one! This was one of the earliest harvests on record for Washington's grape growing regions! We started bringing in our first grapes, French Creek Chardonnay, the second week of August and we were all in and processed by the second week of October. The overall quality of the fruit was above average to exceptional...especially the Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Merlot. The overall tonnage per acre was down, but the berries were smaller with more concentrated flavors. We are thrilled with this vintage and hope you will be too!

Winemaker Notes

Those of you that remember the amazing sunsets created by the fires north, south, east, and west of us can attest to just how warm and dry it was that summer, especially as the growing season came to a close in September. The Cabernet Sauvignon got ripe and dark, and the tannins became so fine they are almost like velvet on the tongue. Luckily, the smoke stayed out of our vineyards and was just a haze in the distance, because we were able to get to perfect ripeness levels without having any tainted flavors. Dark chocolate, the kind that is almost pure cocoa, plays with a host of pureed fruit flavors that remind me of blackberries, dark Washington pie cherries, black currant jam, and juicy huckleberry. Bits of black licorice, allspice, nutmeg, spearmint, and toasted oak keep this wine from being too fruity. It gives that warm feeling of comfort, like a heavy blanket on an old leather couch, that creates a longing for the next sip. Enjoy with food (red meat on the grill is preferred) or without. This wine is delicious now, but is built to last! 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, with traditional Bordeaux-family grapes creating complexity and softness in the last 10%. Made with fruit from our two estate vineyards (Octave and Va Piano), plus some from Windrow Vineyard (planted in 1981). Drink 2019-2035.

Justin Wylie, winemaker