

WATERBROOK

WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

Reserve

2017 MALBEC

COLUMBIA VALLEY

TASTING NOTE

"Aromatics of wild briar patch and dust. Flavors of blackberry, cherry plum, and red fruits burst on the palate. Medium bodied and bright with notes of chocolate covered cranberries, black licorice and a hint of diesel on the finish. This fruit-forward Malbec will pair well with strong flavored cheeses, especially blue cheese, chicken thighs, sautéed mushrooms and lean meats like pork loins or skirt steak."

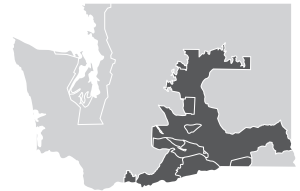
- John Freeman, Winemaker

VINTAGE NOTE

After warmer and larger than average harvests from 2012-2016, this year's growing season and harvest were far more normal. A wet spring led to a dry, warm summer, allowing for excellent fruit development in our vineyards. By harvest, our fruit showed phenolic ripeness with an ideal balance between sugar, acids, and tannin in the fruit skins. The fruit harvested will make for a fine 2017 vintage from Washington. Harvest began during the second week of August with the last of our Cabernet Sauvignon pulled from The Benches Vineyard at Wallula Gap and Skyfall Vineyard on November 2nd.

VINEYARDS

- Canyon Vineyard Ranch, Weinbau, Willard
- Known for its many and varied microclimates (cool, warm, windy, hilly, flat), Columbia Valley is the umbrella AVA under which many of the state's sub-AVAs fall. While it contains 99% of wine grapes grown in Washington state, 6,851 of its acres are unique to the Columbia Valley and don't overlap another sub-AVA in the state.



WINEMAKING

VARIETAL BLEND: 100% Malbec

TA: 5.6 g/l | PH: 3.79

AGING: 21 months in 21% new American oak

ALC: 13.97%