

# BROWNE

FAMILY VINEYARDS

*Inspired by the greatness of one man, William Bitner Browne, late grandfather of proprietor Andrew Browne, Browne Family Vineyards is a dream that has been many years in the making. Every decision made – from the vineyard to the bottle – reflects a commitment to premium Washington State wine of uncompromising quality, assuring cellar worthy vintages that stand the test of time.*

“ALL THE BEST”

- Andrew Browne

## 2015 WATERBROOK ESTATE VINEYARD MERLOT

### TASTING NOTE

“Spring flowers, grapy, spicy and fruit leather aromatics complement flavors of black cherry, Santa Rosa plum, fresh tobacco and toasted oak. Powerful and integrated tannins leave a lingering flavor of sweet, dried fruits finished off with cedar and vanilla.”

*John Freeman*

- John Freeman, Winemaker

### VINTAGE NOTE

The 2015 Washington state harvest will go down in history as the vintage where parts of the state persevered above irrigation restrictions, several 100-degree days, and a few late-season regional wildfires that spared growers from any problems. It will also be noted as the year with a record surge in growing degree days, a harvest that started early and ended by mid-October, and a bounty that surpassed even the 227,000-ton record set during the 2014 Washington harvest. Fruit flavors from this harvest are concentrated and intense, with moderate berry size, excellent phenolic ripeness and balanced acidity.

### WINEMAKING

#### HARVEST DATE

August 28, 2015

#### BLEND

100% Merlot

#### AGED

23 months

#### OAK

40% New French oak

TA	PH	ALC.
5.0 g/l	3.91	14.5%

#### CASES PRODUCED

536 cases



### VINEYARDS

#### WATERBROOK ESTATE VINEYARD (100%)

Walla Walla Valley AVA: Known for wines with great balance of acids and sugars and concentrated, well-pronounced flavor.

