

WATERBROOK

WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

Mélange

2018 FOUNDER'S RED BLEND

COLUMBIA VALLEY

TASTING NOTE

"Aromatics of raspberry and leather lead to flavors of ripe pie cherry, sweet oak and pomegranate juice. Medium bodied with soft, integrated tannins and a lingering finish of plum, graphite and cedar. This every day Red Blend is the perfect pair for classic American fare including hotdogs, hamburgers, grilled chicken and mac & cheese."

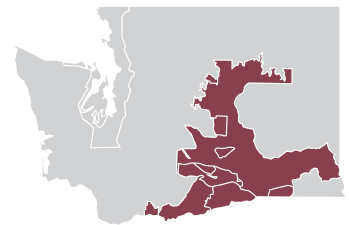
- John Freeman, Winemaker

VINTAGE NOTE

2018 represents a very long harvest and a record-breaker for volume and tons crushed. Dryer weather at bloom, resulted in grapes with much less mildew pressure than last year. Two weeks of extremely hot weather towards the end of summer allowed fruit to hang a little longer. White varietals will express a great range of fruit flavors like apple, pineapple and peach, while ripened red varietals will show more fruit-forward characteristics. The levels of acid are coming in higher than in years past, so red varietals, like Merlot, Cabernet and Syrah will be bright and refreshing.

VINEYARDS

- Skyfall, Mirage, Alder Ridge, Canyon Vineyard Ranch, Waterbrook Estate, Willard



WINEMAKING

VARIETY PERCENTAGE: 45% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Petit Verdot, 13% Cabernet Franc, 7% Syrah

AGING: 10 months in 20% new American oak

TA: 5.5 g/l | PH: 3.81 | ALC: 13.95%

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