



2011 MERLOT

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

Our 2011 Merlot is rich, round, and intricately layered. An earthy bouquet of cherry and wild berries dance on the nose of this wine, backed by a floral summer breeze. Hints of violets, roasted coffee, spices and mineral weave through the palate. This wine is elegant with a firmly sculpted framework of acid and polished tannins which evoke a long and harmonious finish.

— Jean-François Pellet, Winemaker

THE 2011 VINTAGE

From beginning to end, this was a cool year. The Walla Walla Valley experienced no 100-degree days for the first time in well over a decade. Despite the cooler weather, our vineyards were still able to reach full ripening, with harvest occurring approximately three weeks late. The longer hang time led to layered, nuanced flavors with vibrancy and natural balance.



VITICULTURE

Entirely estate; Certified Sustainable and Salmon Safe.
Founding member of VINEA.

WINE SPECIFICS

Varietal(s):	76% Merlot, 16% Cabernet Franc, 8% Malbec
Vineyard(s):	86% Seven Hills, 14% Octave
Appellation:	100% Walla Walla Valley
Oak Program:	100% French oak; 62% used, 38% new
Time in Barrels:	17 months
Harvest Dates:	October 3 - 25, 2011
Alcohol:	14.5% by volume
Total Production:	867 cases (9L)
Bottling Date:	March 6, 2013
Release Date:	December 6, 2013