

2009 Pepper Bridge Vineyard

Walla Walla Valley

Winemaker Notes

Aromas of dark cherries, cola and a pleasant smokiness overlay notes of black plums, blackberries, cedar and fresh-tilled earth. Just a hint of fresh violets, coffee and vanilla lead to a luxurious mouth feel. Packed with flavors of black cherries, mixed dark berries and toasted vanilla, this plush wine is balanced out perfectly by crisp acidity and structured tannins.

- Jean-François Pellet, Winemaker

The 2009 Vintage

The 2009 vintage is the result of a roller coaster growing season. Mother Nature could not make up her mind! A wet, cooler spring gave way to early, hot summer days in May, leading to a late bud break. Then it cooled off once again — and then proceeded to warm up again. All of this weather change made for an exciting harvest of smaller berries with amazing, concentrated fruit and polished tannins. Incredible dark garnet color, great fruit intensity and subtle minerality make our 2009 vintage exceptionally structured and balanced.



100% Estate

Sustainably Farmed

Wine Specifics

Varietal(s):	55% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot
Vineyard(s):	100% Pepper Bridge Vineyard
Appellation:	100% Walla Walla Valley
Oak Program:	100% French oak 47% used oak, 53% new oak
Time in Barrels:	21 months
Harvest Date(s):	September 25 through October 9, 2009
Brix at Harvest:	25.9
Total Acidity:	0.59 g/ml
pH:	3.75
Finished Alcohol:	14.1 % by volume
Total Production:	444 9-liter cases
Bottling Date:	August 2, 2011
Release Date:	May 4, 2012