



2010 TRINE

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

This wine introduces itself with bright notes of blackberry and black cherry intertwined with masculine elements of aged leather, smoky paprika, and freshly tilled earth. The dark fruits carry over to the palate with a mouthwatering acidity which ripples into notes of plums, cocoa, coffee, and mixed peppercorns. Soft and structured, this wine's richly integrated tannins and minerality melt from the midpalate into lingering notes of violets and vanilla essence.

— *Jean-François Pellet, Winemaker*

'TRINE' DEFINED

The word 'trine' (it rhymes with 'wine') is defined as a close group of three, and this wine pays homage to the families of Pepper Bridge: the McKibbens, Goffs, and Pellets. As with our Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, Trine showcases the best of our Walla Walla Valley estate vineyards. However, it allows Winemaker Jean-François Pellet more freedom of expression since it is a creative blend rather than a varietal-based wine. Each vintage will contain a unique combination of Bordeaux's traditional five red grapes.

THE 2010 VINTAGE

Bud break started more than two weeks early at the beginning of April. Then the weather cooled down significantly, and we were two weeks behind typical growing patterns by mid-June. Due to the poor weather during bloom, our berry counts per cluster were reduced significantly, which meant a very small crop. Whereas we usually target anywhere from 2.5 to 3 tons per acre, we ended up anywhere from 1.25 to 2 tons per acre. This was somehow a blessing. Despite the cool summer (only two days above 100 degrees), we were able to ripen each block perfectly.



VITICULTURE

Entirely estate; Certified Sustainable and Salmon Safe.

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WINE SPECIFICS

Varietal(s):	70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot
Vineyard(s):	68% Seven Hills, 20% Pepper Bridge, 12% Octave
Appellation:	100% Walla Walla Valley
Oak Program:	100% French oak; 45% new, 55% used
Time in Barrels:	18 months
Harvest Dates:	September 22 - October 23, 2010
Alcohol:	14.4% by volume
Total Production:	485 cases (9L)
Bottling Date:	May 23, 2012
Release Date:	June 15, 2013
Price:	\$65.00