

PEPPER BRIDGE WINERY



WALLA WALLA VALLEY

# 2011 SEVEN HILLS VINEYARD

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At first, the aromas of this wine are reminiscent of foraging for berries in the nearby Blue Mountains. Nuances of black tea, freshly brewed coffee, and clove linger behind bright, energetic notes of mixed berries and wildflowers. Earthy scents of brambles, stones, and the forest lead to softer notes of a dusty baseball glove. On the palate, raspberries lead the way, along with blackberries, cherries, currants, and hints of orange zest. This selection from our namesake vineyard offers seductive texture, zingy acidity, and a long, smooth 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):	53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Cabernet Franc, 16% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot
Vineyard(s):	100% Seven Hills
Appellation:	100% Walla Walla Valley
Oak Program:	100% French Oak: 39% new, 61% used
Time in Barrels:	17 months
Harvest Dates:	October 3 - November 2, 2011
Brix at Harvest:	25.1
Total Acidity:	0.59 g/ml
pH:	3.75
Alcohol:	14.4% by volume
Total Production:	429 cases (9L)
Bottling Date:	March 7, 2013
Release Date:	December 6, 2013

