



## 2011 TRINE

### WALLA WALLA VALLEY

The aromatics of our 2011 Trine greet you with dark, brooding notes of red cherries, raspberries, and currants. The fruits dance on the palate with an herbaceous essence of celery leaves, heightened by an acidity reminiscent of orange zest. Mouthwatering and structured, the finish leaves you not only with firm tannins but also a minerality which is characteristic of the Walla Walla Valley.

— *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 2011 VINTAGE

From beginning to end, this was a cool year. The Walla Walla Valley experienced no 100° 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

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| Varietal(s):      | 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Cabernet Franc,<br>12% Petit Verdot, 12% Malbec, 8% Merlot |
| Vineyard(s):      | 76% Seven Hills Vineyard, 24% Octave   |
| Viticulture:      | 100% estate: Certified Sustainable and Salmon Safe                                     |
| Appellation:      | 100% Walla Walla Valley  |
| Oak Program:      | 18 months in 100% French oak: 38% new, 62% used  |
| Harvest Dates:    | October 3 - November 2, 2011   |
| Total Production: | 606 cases (9L): large formats available  |
| Alcohol:          | 14.4% by volume  |
| Bottling Date:    | May 15, 2013   |
| Release Date:     | May 2014   |