

WATERBROOK

WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

Mélange

• 2016 •

FOUNDER'S RED BLEND

COLUMBIA VALLEY

VINTAGE NOTE

The 2016 growing season started quickly with warm temperatures across Washington, encouraging vigorous vine development. By late June, however, temperatures cooled considerably, creating optimal growing conditions for fruit maturation. In late summer, rain came to the vineyard and helped ease vine stress, while the vineyard teams worked tirelessly to ensure the canopies and fruit clusters would produce top quality grapes. White varietals will express lush, tropical notes, while early ripening red varietals are well-developed with bright fruit notes. Longer-ripening red varietals, like Cabernet Sauvignon, will show more savory characteristics than in years past, and should make for cellar-worthy wines.

Grape Source: Doval, CVR, Pepper Bridge, ADH, WB Estate, Skyfall, Mirage, BMV, Mirage, Blackrock, Red Willow

Variety Percentage: 22% Malbec, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Sangiovese, 18% Merlot, 11% Syrah, 10% Cabernet Franc

Harvest Date: Sep. – Oct. 2016

TASTING NOTE

Bright red raspberry and pomegranate aromatics lead into flavors of maraschino cherry, white pepper and sweet oak. Soft, approachable tannins are rounded on the mouthfeel, finishing with notes of baking spices and cherry cola.

WINEMAKING

Yeast: Pasteur Red, Andante,
Premiere Cuvee

Oak: 20% new AO

Aged: 10 months

TA: 5.6 g/l PH: 3.77

Fining: None

ML: 100%

Alcohol: 13.5%

Bottled: Aug. 4, 2017

