

WATERBROOK

WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

Mélange

• 2015 •

FOUNDER'S RED BLEND

COLUMBIA VALLEY

VINTAGE NOTE

The 2015 Washington state harvest will go down in history as the vintage where parts of the state persevered above irrigation restrictions, several 100-degree days, and a few late-season regional wildfires that spared growers from any problems. It will also be noted as the year with a record surge in growing degree days, a harvest that started early and ended by mid-October, and a bounty that surpassed even the 227,000-ton record set during the 2014 Washington harvest. Fruit flavors from this harvest are concentrated and intense, with moderate berry size, excellent phenolic ripeness and balanced acidity.

Grape Source: Oasis, CVR, Willard, Art Den Hoed, WB Estate, Skyfall

Variety Percentage: 36% Sangiovese, 16% Tempranillo, 14% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Franc, 9% Syrah, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Malbec

Harvest Date: Sept. 4 – Oct. 22, 2015

TASTING NOTE

Opening with sweet whiskey and vanilla aromatics, savory flavors of herbs and summer squash intertwine with strawberry jam and blueberry. This approachable blend finishes with light tannins, a clean mouthfeel and sweet oak flavors.

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Yeast: Andante

Oak: Equivalent to 30% new AO

Aged: 11 months

TA: 5.5 g/l PH: 3.8

RS: 0.27 g/l

Fining: None

ML: 100%

Alcohol: 13.41%

Bottled: Sept. 15–16, 2016

