

# WATERBROOK

WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

# Reserve

2016 MALBEC

COLUMBIA VALLEY

## TASTING NOTE

"The nose is greeted with the smell of water running over limestone, violets, and mulberry followed by full bodied, smooth flavors of white pepper, crushed acorns, and pipe tobacco paired with huckleberries and dried figs. The perfect combination of full fruit and soft spice, this wine pairs well with a beautifully peppered pork tenderloin, roasted rosemary potatoes, or mushroom caps stuffed with blue cheese."

- John Freeman, Winemaker

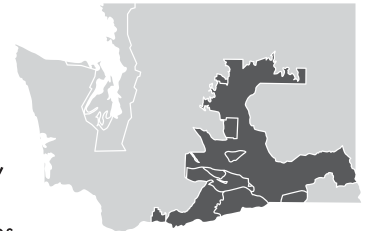
## VINTAGE NOTE

- 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.

## VINEYARDS

- 43% Willard, 24% Canyon Vineyard Ranch, 16% Weinbau, 10% Summit View, 7% Taylor Mag

Known for its many and varied microclimates (cool, warm, windy, hilly, flat), Columbia Valley is the umbrella AVA under which many of the state's sub-AVAs fall. While it contains 99% of wine grapes grown in Washington state, 6,851 of its acres are unique to the Columbia Valley and don't overlap another sub-AVA in the state.



## WINEMAKING

VARIETAL BLEND: 93% Malbec,  
7% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING: 23 months in 24% new American oak

TA: 5.5 g/l | PH: 3.92

ALC: 13.97%

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