



2023 DOUBLEBACK MERLOT

One of my favorite projects to work on every year. This is all estate-grown Merlot from Walla Walla, predominantly from our Schafer site in the foothills of the Blue Mountains. Cherry, raspberry, menthol, sandalwood, and pencil shavings. I am in love with the mouthfeel of this wine. Rich, fat, medium plus tannin, all framed in an intense, ultra-pleasing way. Normally I wouldn't describe "chalky" tannin in a good way but this has the slightest feeling of chalkiness but in a beautiful, juicy, sensation that I honestly can't get enough of. The finish lasts for a long time.

APPELLATION

Walla Walla Valley

WALLA WALLA ESTATE VINEYARDS

70% Schafer
19% LeFore
11% McQueen

BLEND PROFILE

91% Merlot
9% Cabernet Franc

BARREL/AGING PROGRAM

65% new French oak barrels and
2,000 liter Stockinger ovals for 16
months

PRODUCTION

Bottling Date: August 2024
Release Date: Winter 2024
Alcohol: 14.1%
Cases Produced: 659



96 PTS



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