



## 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

