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2009 Syrah Walla Walla Valley

Winemaker's Notes:

Aromas of dark fruits, mixed berries and violets complement a light earthiness, reminiscent of dusty gravel. Flavors of blackberries, raspberries and fig weave together with nuances of cream of cassis, spiced game and citrus. Remarkable structure and balance lead to a lingering finish.

The 2009 Vintage:

The 2009 vintage is the result of a roller coaster growing season. Mother Nature could not make up her mind! A wet, cooler spring gave way to early, hot summer days in May, leading to a late bud break. Then it cooled off once again — and then proceeded to warm up again. All of this weather change made for an exciting harvest of smaller berries with amazing, concentrated fruit and polished tannins. Incredible dark garnet color, great fruit intensity and subtle minerality make our 2009 vintage exceptionally structured, perfectly balanced and a joy to drink.

Viticulture:

100% estate, sustainably farmed.

Wine Specifics:

Varietal(s): 100% Syrah

Vineyard(s): 47% Les Collines, 43% Seven Hills, 10% Pepper Bridge

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Oak Program: 100% French oak; 16% new, 84% used

Harvest Date(s): September 10 through October 9, 2009

Finished Alcohol: 14.1%

Total Production: 1,396 cases

Bottling Date: February 2, 2011

Release Date: May 6, 2011

— *Jean-François Pellet, Winemaker*



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