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2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla Valley

Winemaker's Notes:

Full aromas of ripe mixed berries complement earthy notes of cedar and wet stones. On the palate, layers of black cherries and blackberries mingle with hints of dark chocolate, mint and spice. Gentle tannins create a supple mouthfeel, leading to a powerful yet refined 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): 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 3% Syrah, 2% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard(s): 52% Pepper Bridge, 30% Seven Hills, 12% Les Collines, 6% Goff

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Oak Program: 88% French, 12% American, 25% new, 75% used

Harvest Date(s): September 16 - October 10, 2009

Finished Alcohol: 14.1%

Total Production: 4,991 12/750 ml. cases

Bottling Date: February 2, 2011

Release Date: September, 2011

— *Jean-François Pellet, Winemaker*



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