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2010 Rosé Walla Walla Valley

Winemaker's Notes:

Abundant aromas of strawberries, pomegranate and watermelon merge with delicate notes of stones, white flowers and lemon zest. Strawberry and cherry flavors lead to a hint of lemonade and zingy minerality. Crisp and refreshing, this wine is the perfect pairing for a summer afternoon.

The 2010 Vintage:

Bud break started more than two weeks early at the beginning of April. Then the weather cooled down significantly, and we were two weeks behind typical growing patterns by mid-June. Due to the poor weather during bloom, our berry counts per cluster were reduced significantly, which meant a very small crop.

Whereas we usually target anywhere from 2.5 to 3 tons per acre, we ended up anywhere from 1.25 to 2 tons per acre. This was somehow a blessing – despite the cool summer (only two days above 100 degrees), with lower yields we were able to ripen each block perfectly. Wines from the 2010 vintage show vibrant flavors, bright acidity and exceptional balance.

Viticulture:

Sustainably farmed.

Wine Specifics:

Varietal(s): 100% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard: Waliser

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Oak Program: 100% used French Oak

Harvest Date(s): October 13, 2010

Finished Alcohol: 13.9%

Total Production: 143 cases

Bottling Date: January 31, 2011

Release Date: May 6, 2011

– *Jean-François Pellet, Winemaker*



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