

# 2011 SYRAH

## WALLA WALLA VALLEY



### WINEMAKER NOTES

The nose of this wine bursts with aromas of currants, mixed berries, dates and dark red cherries. Pretty notes of violets and lavender linger in the background. Black pepper combines with smoke to enhance the marriage of berries, both blue and black. A surprising twist of green olive tapenade underlies a balanced combination of acid and tannin. The mouthwatering finish is delicate yet lingering.

—Jean-François Pellet, Winemaker

### THE 2011 VINTAGE:

From beginning to end, this was a cool year. The Walla Walla Valley experienced no 100-degree days for the first time in well over a decade. Despite the cooler weather, our vineyards were still able to reach full ripening, with harvest occurring approximately three weeks late. The longer hang time led to layered, nuanced flavors with vibrancy and natural balance.



### VITICULTURE

100% estate, sustainably farmed.  
Founding member of VINEA.

### WINE SPECIFICS

Varietal(s): 100% Syrah  
Vineyard(s): 47% Les Collines, 33% Seven Hills, 20% Stone Valley  
Appellation: Walla Walla Valley  
Oak Program: 100% French oak; 11% new, 89% used  
Harvest Date(s): October 14 - 24, 2011  
Finished Alcohol: 14.3% by volume  
Total Production: 1,991 cases  
Bottling Date(s): December 19, 2012  
Release Date: March 1, 2013