



PEPPER BRIDGE WINERY
EST. 1988



2024 Merlot

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

Tasting Notes

The 2024 Merlot opens with expressive aromas of blackberry and dark fruit layered with baking spices, cedar, and maple. On the palate, black cherry, blackberry, and Italian plum unfold with subtle notes of cinnamon, ending in a lingering finish. Tension between juicy acidity and refined tannin brings structured energy to the wine, making it cellar-worthy and ready to enjoy today.

The Year

The 2024 vintage began with a harsh January freeze, bringing several days of sub-zero temperatures. Despite early concerns, the warm, dry spring weather helped vines recover, with most sites achieving normal yields. Harvest conditions were ideal—mild and consistent—allowing fruit to hang longer and be picked at peak ripeness. Though the season started with uncertainty, it ended with excellent quality and surprising yields, a testament to the resilience of the vines and thoughtful vineyard management.

Viticulture

Entirely Estate; Salmon Safe; Sustainable Practices

Wine Specifics

Varietals: 82% Merlot, 11% Malbec, 7% Cabernet Franc

Vineyards: 42% Seven Hills, 38% Pepper Bridge, 20% Summit View

Appellation: 100% Walla Walla Valley

Oak Program: 100% French Oak; 42% New, 58% Neutral

Harvest Dates: September 17th - October 15th, 2024

Alcohol: 14.5% by volume

Production: 779 cases

Bottling Date: April 28th, 2026

Release Date: Fall 2026