



PEPPER BRIDGE WINERY
EST. 1998



2023 Merlot

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

Tasting Notes

Expressive and inviting, this wine opens with aromas of plum and blackberry, with mineral undertones and accents of cinnamon, raspberry and blueberry. The palate provides more vibrant notes of plum intertwined with boysenberry, creating a lively yet refined profile. Silky tannins frame the flavors, leading to a long, lingering finish balanced with richness and freshness.

The Year

The 2023 growing season in the Walla Walla Valley began with a late budbreak in the end of April through early May. Due to the ideal spring weather, bloom happened in record time, in less than 30 days in parts of the vineyards. Summer was one of the hottest on record, but with steady but not extreme heat, leading to ripe fruit that maintained freshness and acidity, and kicked off an early harvest in September. The resulting wines showcase ripe luscious tannins, balanced tension and complexity, promising exciting developments over the next decade and beyond.

Viticulture

Entirely Estate; Salmon Safe; Sustainable Practices

Wine Specifics

Varietals: 86% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 7% Malbec

Vineyards: 42% Pepper Bridge, 36% Seven Hills, 20% Summit View, 2% Octave

Appellation: 100% Walla Walla Valley

Oak Program: 100% French Oak; 45% New, 55% Neutral

Harvest Dates: September 14th - October 6th, 2023

Alcohol: 14.5% by volume

Production: 1,062 cases

Bottling Date: April 29th, 2025

Release Date: Fall 2025