

2017 REININGER Mr. Owl's Red

Walla Walla Valley

“Cabernet Sauvignon comprises 56% of this wine, with the rest Merlot (19%), Syrah (19%) and Petit Verdot. The aromas are effusive, with notes of orange peel, fresh flower, cranberry and cherry. A full-feeling palate follows, with the cherry flavors brightened by tart acidity and supported by firm tannins. Coffee notes linger on the finish. The sense of structure is lovely. Best after 2024.” - *91 points, Wine Enthusiast*

DESCRIPTION

Mr. Owl (Raul – our winery’s assistant winemaker) always puts a smile on our faces. His 2017 Mr. Owl’s Red boast scents of sandalwood, sweet-Asian floral spice with hints of rose petal and Walla Walla’s famous mineral loam soil. The palate possesses a medium, chewy and chalky tannin structure escorting fruit flavors of explosive black currant, plum, cherry and a background layer of baked blueberry along with a subtle savoriness. The finish carries a wonderful cherry note with an intimate smokiness. -Chuck Reininger, Winemaker

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Blend: 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 19% Syrah, 6% Petit Verdot

Cooperage: 80% French, 20% American (40% new)

pH: 3.78

TA: 6.2 g/L

Case Production: 396

Alc. 14.2%

Bottled: July 2019



THE STORY OF MR. OWL

When the Reininger children were young, they had difficulty pronouncing the name of the man who began working in the winery’s cellar in 1999. The children would call him “Mr. Owl!” In 2002, Raul Morfin became our Assistant Winemaker and Chuck crafted the first Mr. Owl’s Red as a thank you to all of Raul’s hard work. It wasn’t until 2008 that REININGER released another Mr. Owl’s Red. Since 2008, Raul has taken his favorite grapes from each vintage to create a special blend.

THE VINEYARDS

PEPPER BRIDGE (39%) Known for its outstanding reputation with winemakers throughout the Walla Walla Valley and WA, Pepper Bridge has some of the most sought after grapes

PHINNY HILL (15%) Phinny Hill’s high elevation and steep gradation allows the grapes to get plenty of hang time and heat in the Horse Heaven Hills. We were one of the first wineries to source fruit from Phinny Hill and we currently source 5 acres.

STONE TREE (7%) Planted on the south side of Saddle Mountain, Stone Tree Vineyard is managed by one of the most influential viticulturalists in Washington—Tedd Wildman. Chuck believes that this is the best Petit Verdot we source from.

XL (39%) At a maximum elevation of 1,250 feet, XL is one of the highest planted vineyards in the Walla Walla Valley.

REININGER WINERY

REININGER Winery, located in the heart of the Walla Walla Valley, specializes in crafting elegant and finely structured wines from hand-harvested, ultra premium grapes. From our first release in 1997, REININGER wines have possessed a unique quality derived from the winemaker’s awareness of and passion for the natural elements that make great wines.