

A tribute to three generations of family winemaking

GOOSE RIDGE G3

2020 Merlot Columbia Valley

WINEMAKING

The fruit for this wine was sourced from some of the premier upper blocks of the estate. The wine was pumped over twice daily until a balance of color, structure, and flavor extraction had been achieved. Malolactic fermentation on oak smoothed and softened the wine. The wine matured for 15 months in barrels (with 25% new oak). A small amount of Cabernet Sauvignon was carefully blended to polish the structure and enhance the aromatic intensity of the Merlot.

TASTING NOTE

The 2020 G3 Merlot is a symphony of fruit-forward aromas and flavors. Its nose is a riot of black cherry cola, blueberry, and black raspberry, with a hint of toasty complexity. On the palate, this wine shows lavish notes of plum and cherry, with a rich, velvety texture. The wine finishes with a lingering vibrant fruit intensity supported by a touch of minerality and freshness. Overall, this is a wine of terrific finesse and charm, one that showcases the uniqueness of Washington Merlot.

APPELLATION: Goose Gap AVA

100% Columbia Valley, 100% Estate Grown

VARIETAL: 94% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon

TA: 0.58 g/100ml

pH: 3.83

OAK: Aged for 15 months on 25% new French & American oak

ALCOHOL: 13.7%

