

A tribute to three generations of family winemaking

**GOOSE RIDGE G3** 

2021 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 2021 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%

