

# 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon, Walla Walla Valley

# 92 POINTS, JAMES SUCKLING

"Aromas of fresh black cherries, forest berries, crushed stones and pencil lead here. It's medium-bodied with ultra fine tannins. Some floral, dried citrus and coffee notes, too. An exciting, fresh cabernet sauvignon." - jamessuckling.com

## **TASTING NOTE**

Black fruit scents of black cherry, black currant and blackberry reduction meld with a thin layer of candied roasted walnuts, hints of toasted oak and a peek of eucalyptus. The flavors of its silky palate, with fine chewy tannins and balanced acidity nearly mirrors the nose. Black cherry with a vein of cassis stream start to finish. Delicious now but worthy of many years in your cellar.

#### **THE 2018 VINTAGE**

- ♦ 2018 graced the Walla Walla Valley with an ideal growing season.
- A cool spring followed by hot July, preceded moderate daytime fall temperatures with cool nights.
- This scenario created Cabernet Sauvignon with small berries and moderate yields across the Valley.

#### **THE AVA**

Nestled in the foothills of the Blue Mountains in southeastern Washington and northeastern Oregon, the Walla Walla Valley AVA is known for its warm summer days, cooler nights and its diversity of varietals and soil types. Established in 1984, this AVA is home to nearly 3,000 acres of planted vines and over 120 wineries.

#### HISTORY OF CABERNET SAUVIGNON

We've been making Walla Walla Cabernet Sauvignon since our inaugural vintage in 1997. For our REININGER label, we commonly source Cabernet Sauvignon from Pepper Bridge, Seven Hills and XL Vineyards. Highlights of past accolades includes a three-time inclusion in *Wine & Spirit's* "Year's Best USA Cabernet Sauvignon" issues, and over 25 90+ scores.



WINE DATA	
Composition	91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot
Vineyards	61% XL, 28% Seven Hills & 11% Pepper Bridge
Cooperage	100% French, (36% new oak)
Alcohol	14.6%
рΗ	3.68
Total Acidity	6.5 g/L
Bottling Date	July 2020
Release Date	December 2020
Case Production	401

## 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.

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