

# 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon, *Walla Walla Valley*

## **TASTING NOTE**

Fine, soft tannins frame a symphony of black fruit flavors. Bold currant, ripe cherry, and succulent plum dance harmoniously, creating a medley that evolves with each sip. The impeccable acidity provides a vibrant backbone, ensuring a seamless transition from the initial palate to the enduring finish. The journey culminates in a finish that echoes the boldness of the black fruit, leaving a lingering impression of currant, cherry, and plum that persists long after the last sip.

### **THE 2021 VINTAGE**

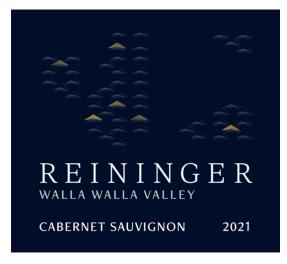
2021 was a nail-biter of a growing season, beginning with mild temperatures and early budbreak in the spring, then all of the sudden, record shattering temperatures at the end of June. Because of the extreme heat, so extreme that it rivals 2015, the warmest vintage on record, berry and cluster sizes were reduced. Crops might have been smaller than we would have liked, but the quality of the fruit and acids held strong and the result in the bottle is mighty.

#### **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, 5% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot
Vineyards	Pepper Bridge & Seven Hills Vineyards
Cooperage	95% French, 5% American (55% new oak)
Alcohol	13.8%
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Total Acidity	6.2 g/L
Bottling Date	June 2023
Release Date	October 2023
Case Production	448

## **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.