

TEN MILE



RED BLEND

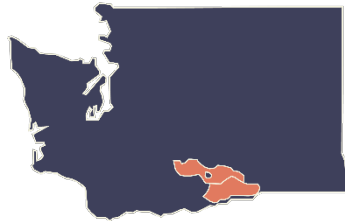
Hanging out with the winemaker, several years back, we were joking that all the *NEW* red blends that were being released were probably just merlot and zinfandel re-labeled as red blends. HA! Always wanting to do things a little different, we came up with our own tasty red blend on the spot. Thumbing our nose a bit at the status quo our first Bomb red blend was made up of Grenache, Tannat and Lagrein. The next bottling was a blend of Grenache and Barbera. And so on and so forth. We change the blend every year but we always try to use a core of Grenache. The goal remains of making a fun blend that is interesting and tastes incredible without the traditional limitations or simply rebranding a varietal that has seen better days. Keep it fun!

Vintner's Note: This fun wine, opens up with lots of ripe, red fruit—cherries and plums—that are underscored by a backdrop of dark chocolate and subtle vanilla: rich and fresh flavors that typically come attached to a heftier price tag but this winner has great structure with some old world charm.

Pairings: Enjoy with burgers, pizza, BBQ or perfectly acceptable to enjoy on its own.

Technical information

- Vintage: 2018
- Appellation: Washington State, Columbia Valley (Wahluke Slope, and Yakima Valley)
- Variety: 68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Syrah, 14% Merlot
- Aging: 6 months in American & French oak
- Alcohol: 13.67%
- TA: 4.7
- pH: 3.9
- RS: .53



Wahluke Slope Appellation: Established in 2006 as a sub-appellation of Columbia Valley. The entire Wahluke Slope appellation sits on a large alluvial fan, which has a constant, gentle grade of less than 8%. This makes the soils notably uniform over a large area. The uniformities in aspect, soil type, and climate are the major distinguishing features of the area.

Yakima Valley Appellation: Established in 1983, it was Washington state's first federally recognized AVA. Silt loam soils predominate, allowing proper drainage necessary to keep vine's vigor under control.

