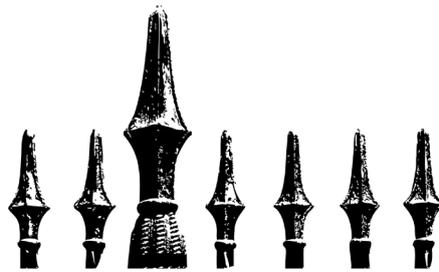


# GRAMERCY CELLARS



## 2016 GRAMERCY ESTATES

### WALLA WALLA VALLEY



**BLEND:** 80% MERLOT, 10% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 10% CABERNET FRANC

**VINEYARDS:** JB GEORGE ESTATE VINEYARD

**AGING:** 22 MONTHS IN 30% NEW FRENCH OAK

**ALCOHOL:** 14.1%

**WINERY RETAIL:** 70

**CASE PRODUCTION:** 217 CASES

**DRINKING WINDOW:** 2020 - 2036

**WINE & SPIRITS:** 93 POINTS

**JEB DUNNUCK:** 92 POINTS

Many people, even longtime Gramercy drinkers, don't realize that we own three estate vineyards. When in fact, after establishing the winery in 2005, one of the first things Pam and I did was purchase a vineyard - our JB George vineyard. In 2007, we entered into a partnership with seven fantastic wine industry partners to plant Octave Vineyard in the new Sevein area of Walla Walla AVA. We also purchased Forgotten Hills Vineyard for Syrah in 2013.

Then we promptly forgot that we owned these two first vineyards. We did this on purpose. Our goal with estate fruit was to let the vines mature as well as give Brandon and me an opportunity to learn these vineyards. We wanted to get to the point where they could stand alone as a wine. Now, 12-14 years on, we feel the vineyards are ready to be shown as estate bottlings.

In the true nature of the MTA offerings, the actual wine will vary depending on what the vintage gives us. Our first offering is an ode to Bordeaux. With a cooler summer for the 2016 vintage, it was ideal for a Merlot based blend. During a warm summer, the ripeness can get out of control for early ripening varietals like Merlot. The 2016 vintage being cooler, we ended up with opulent, acid driven, herbaceous and balanced fruit.

Sourced entirely from our 5-acre JB George Vineyard, across the street from Pepper Bridge Vineyard, the 2016 Gramercy Estate Red is a blend of 80% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Cabernet Franc. The wine was fermented with native yeast in a combination of concrete tank and closed top stainless steel tank. The wine was pumped over 2 - 3 times a day. We aged it in 30% new French oak for 22 months.

**TASTING NOTES:** MIX OF RED AND DARK FRUITS. RIPE AND LUSH, BUT STILL FRESH. GRAVEL, GREEN HERBS, COLA, TAR, CEDAR, RED FLOWERS, VIOLETS, PLUM. MEDIUM ACIDITY WITH MODERATE TANNINS. A FANTASTIC EXAMPLE OF WALLA WALLA VALLEY MERLOT.



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