

GRAMERCY CELLARS



2017 GRAMERCY ESTATES

WALLA WALLA VALLEY



BLEND: 99% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 1% MERLOT

VINEYARDS: JB GEORGE ESTATE, OCTAVE ESTATE

AGING: 22 MONTHS IN 40% NEW FRENCH OAK

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

WINERY RETAIL: 70

CASE PRODUCTION: 2090 CASES

DRINKING WINDOW: 2021 - 2038

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.

This is our second Gramercy Estates offering, beginning in 2016, which was an 80% Merlot dominate blend. We went another way in 2017 - a 99% Cabernet Sauvignon blend with 1% Merlot. Did the Merlot better the wine, or was it just leftover? We will never tell.

While 2016 was sourced entirely from our 5-acre JB George Vineyard, across the street from Pepper Bridge Vineyard, the 2017 Gramercy Estate Red is approximate 66% JB George and 34% Octave Vineyard. Octave is located high in the SeVein development in Oregon adjacent to Seven Hills Vineyard.

The wine was fermented with native yeast in a combination of open and closed top stainless steel tanks and pumped over 2 - 3 times a day. We aged it in 40% new French oak for 22 months.

And yes, the Merlot made it considerably better, expanding the mid-palate. Yes, one percent.

TASTING NOTES: A BOX OF ROCKS - GRAVEL, STONE, MINERAL. SWEET TOBACCO AND CLOVE FROM FRENCH OAK. WARM BAKED BREAD. THE FRUIT IS ALMOST UNIDENTIFIABLE AS THE EARTH COMPONENTS DOMINATE, BUT MOSTLY BLUE AND BLACK - BLACK CURRANT, BLUEBERRY, PLUM, BLACK CHERRY. A BIT OF GREEN PEPPER, AS CABERNET OUGHT TO HAVE. MEDIUM+ TANNIN (THEY BUILD), MEDIUM ACID, AND MODERATE ALCOHOL, BUT STILL FRESH. THE WINE SHOWS MORE NEW WORLD THAN THE COLUMBIA VALLEY CABERNET. MILK CHOCOLATE, COCOA, WARM BETTY CROCKER BROWNIE WITH CHERRY SAUCE.



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