



# **Paulie**

## **GSM | WAHLUKE SLOPE AVA 2021**

## WINEMAKING NOTES

From Block One in Stonetree Vineyard, these grapes have been together from start to finish. Grown, harvested, pressed, and fermented as a single blend, this co-fermentation approach allows the individual characteristics of each grape to meld seamlessly, enhancing the complexity and depth of the wine. This vintage showcases a fresh expression of this method, offering a distinctive profile that sets it apart from the previous year.

## **TASTING NOTES**

This wine has a lively, bright character with flavors of cranberry, raspberry, and a bit of iron. The Mourvèdre adds a nice kick of spice, making it a great match for your favorite meat dishes. A hint of new oak adds a layer of complexity and supports a long, smooth finish.

## WAHLUKE SLOPE AVA

Located in south-central Washington within the Columbia Valley, the Wahluke Slope AVA boasts an 81,000-acre region surrounded by the Columbia River. Characterized by a warm, dry climate and wind-blown sand soils, it excels in producing renowned red grape varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Syrah. The name "Wahluke" stems from a Native American term meaning 'watering place.' This official Washington State appellation contributes to about 20% of the state's annual grape harvest.

#### **BLEND**

42% Grenache, 37% Mourvedre, 21% Syrah

## **BARREL**

33% new French oak 67% used French oak 20- months in barrel

## **PRODUCTION**

330 cases

## RELEASE

December 2023

#### **APPELLATION**

Wahluke Slope

## **VINEYARDS**

Stonetree

## **PAST ACCOLADES**

2021 - 91 JS

2020 - 92 IWR; SILVER SIWC 2018 - 90 VINOUS, 93 OB, 92 JS

## **ANALYSIS**

Alc: 14.8% pH: 3.80 TA: 6.0

EFESTĒ winery was established in 2005 by Daniel and Helen Ferrelli, along with their son-inlaw and daughter, Kevin and Angela Taylor. Since its inception, the EFESTĒ's primary focus has been producing award-winning wines using minimalist techniques, including native fermentation and low oxygenation techniques. EFESTĒ sources its exceptional grapes from the finest regions in Washington, emphasizing single varietals and their Estate vineyards. Experience the culmination of our passion: distinctly Washington, Uniquely EFESTE.



