



Malbec

MALBEC | WAHLUKE SLOPE AVA 2022

WINEMAKING NOTES

Our 100% Malbec undergoes native fermentation and an extended maceration period of 31 days in stainless steel, which helps to soften the tannin structure and enhance the fruit's unique character. It is then pressed and transferred to 50% new French oak barrels for 22 months.

TASTING NOTES

Chocolatey on the nose, complemented by an enticing medley of blue fruits such as huckleberry and blueberry. The subtle earthy notes of eucalyptus add a layer of complexity and freshness. This wine reveals a deep and robust profile on the palate with prominent flavors of dark fruits, including plum and black cherry, alongside dark cocoa. The texture is notable for its tightly wound tannin structure, suggesting excellent aging potential to allow the wine to evolve and integrate further over time.

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

James Vineyard is located in the Wahluke Slope AVA, known for its unique terroir shaped by the Columbia River and the Saddle Mountains, which creates an arid climate ideal for grape cultivation. This vineyard spans 140 acres of rocky terrain and is well renowned for its exceptional red grape varieties, of which Malbec is a standout. The region's exposure to strong summer winds contributes to the intensity and character of the fruit, resulting in wines of remarkable depth and complexity.

BLEND

100% Malbec

BARREL

50% New French oak
Seguin Moreau Cooperage
22 months in barrel

PRODUCTION

279 cases

RELEASE

Spring 2025

APPELLATION

Wahluke Slope AVA

VINEYARDS

James Vineyard

PAST ACCOLADES

2021 – 94 OB; 93 PG
2020 – 94 OB; 93 IWR
2019 – 92 OB; 93 VINOUS

ANALYSIS

ALC: 13.5%
pH: 3.7
TA: 0.6



EFESTĒ winery was established in 2005 by Daniel and Helen Ferrelli, along with their son-in-law 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 EFESTĒ.

