

# BALBOA

## 2015 Carmenere

### Tasting Notes

- blackberry - Bing cherry - black currant - crushed roses - white pepper - cocoa - spiced incense - black licorice - lingering tannins

### Production Notes

A lesser known Bordeaux varietal, not often seen as a single varietal bottling is 100% Carmenere. Sourced from Summit View Vineyard in the Southern-end of the Walla Walla Valley, this wine showcases the unique and complex notes Carmenere is known for.

### Vineyards

- Summit View Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley

### Winemaking

- Hand harvested grapes
- Picked early in the morning
- Small lot fermentations in stainless steel tanks
- The cap was manually punched down twice a day
- The wine was aged for 18 months in French Oak barrels, 15% new
- Cross flow filtration prior to bottling

### Vintage

- The warmest vintage on record for Washington.
- Bud break occurred two-three weeks early in most sites.
- Increased irrigation and proper canopy management allowed for healthy vines and fruit development.
- Cooler more average fall temperatures allowed for a longer hang-time, with smaller berries for increased structure.
- Harvest started on August 25<sup>th</sup> continuing through early October.



### Wine Data

Appellation.....Walla Walla Valley  
Varietal.....Carmenere  
Composition.....100% Carmenere  
Vineyards.....Summit View Vineyard  
Vintage.....2015

### Technical Notes

pH.....3.91  
Total Acidity.....5.9 g/L  
Alcohol.....14.1%  
Harvest Date.....Sept. 23-26th, 2015  
Bottling Date.....Aug 11th, 2017  
Production.....224 cases