

# BALBOA

## 2018 White Mith

### Tasting Notes

Lively and full bodied with aromas of Asian pear, gardenia, honeysuckle, golden apple and jasmine. The palate shows notes of ripe peach, white pear, candied lemon and anise with balanced acidity and lingering minerality.

### Production Notes

A classic combination of white Rhone varietals, the 2018 White Mith incorporates Roussanne, Marsanne, Grenache Blanc and Marsanne. It is the only white we produce exclusively from Walla Walla Valley fruit.

### Vineyards

- Blue Mountain Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley
- Summit View Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley

### Winemaking

- Hand harvested grapes
- Picked early in the morning
- Whole cluster pressed to stainless steel to settle out solids
- Fermentation took place in neutral French Oak barrels
- Partial malolactic fermentation prior to blending
- Blended and aged 6 months sur lie
- Light fining and cross flow filtration prior to bottling

### Vintage

- Late bud-break in mid-April lead into way May temperature for full canopy development.
- Cooler June temperature allowed for even and healthy berry growth.
- Summer temperature were warm throughout July and August with veraison slightly ahead of 2017.
- Temperature cooler slightly in September with a little rainfall, allowing fruit to hang on the vine for increased flavor development.
- Grapes were harvested with higher sugar levels but retained high natural acid levels for deeply structured yet balanced wines.
- Harvest began on August 31<sup>st</sup> and lasted through the end of October.

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### Wine Data

*Appellation*..... Walla Walla Valley  
*Varietal(s)*..... White Rhone Blend  
*Composition*..... 40% Roussanne  
..... 22% Viognier  
..... 19% Grenache Blanc  
..... 19% Marsanne  
*Vineyards*..... Blue Mountain Vineyard  
..... Summit View Vineyard  
*Vintage*..... 2018

### Technical Notes

*pH* ..... 3.50  
*Total Acidity* ..... 6.5 g/L  
*Alcohol*..... 14.2%  
*Harvest Date* ..... 9/25-10/3  
*Bottling Date* ..... February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
*Production* ..... 320 cases