

## **2015 PATTERSON CELLARS SANGIOVESE**

## **TECHNICAL DATA**

AVA: Walla Walla Valley VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 88% Sangiovese, 12% Merlot VINEYARD SOURCES: Seven Hills, Stillwater Creek CELLAR TREATMENT: 100% neutral French oak PRODUCTION: 190 cases ALCOHOL: 14.6% by volume

## **TASTING NOTES**

The deep red color is the first clue that our 2015 vintage is a classic new world Sangiovese. Black cherries and plums dominate the aroma, with hints of tobacco and spice. Take a sip and experience a mouthwatering explosion of those same flavors: black cherry, plum and black currants from the Sangiovese, with softer fruit and floral notes from the Merlot. The finish features fine smooth tannins, lingering fruit, herbs and light tobacco overtones. This wine will pair beautifully with any red-sauced pizza or pasta dish. Salute!

## **PRODUCTION NOTES**

2015 was a record hot year in Eastern Washington, perfect for ripening Sangiovese. The fruit arrived from Seven Hills Vineyard in the Walla Walla Valley on September 23. Primary fermentation in stainless steel fermenters took 10 days, and after pressing the wine went into neutral French oak barrels for aging. The wine was racked twice and blended before bottling with Merlot from famed Stillwater Creek Vineyard to add a bit of smooth body and depth. Bottle aged for nine months before release, this wine is ready to enjoy now and will age well for several years to come.



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