



# BALBOA WINERY

## WALLA WALLA VALLEY

## 2015 Red Wine

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### Tasting Notes

- cherry • black raspberry • espresso • olive tapenade • forest floor • blackberry • Rainier cherry • cassis • ripe tannins • bright acidity • 'Rocks District' savoriness •

### Production Notes

The 2015 Balboa red blend combines fruit from three distinct parts of the Walla Walla Valley. Structure from Pepper Bridge Vineyard, fruit purity from Summit View Vineyard and 'Rocks District' earthiness from Waliser Vineyard.

### Vineyards

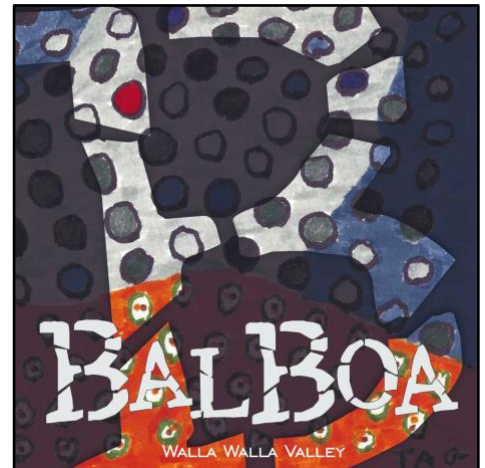
- Pepper Bridge Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley
- Summit View Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley
- Waliser Vineyard, 'Rocks District of Milton-Freewater' Walla Walla Valley

### 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 14 months in French Oak barrels
- Cross flow filtration prior to bottling

### Vintage

- The warmest vintage on record for Washington
- Bud break occurred two to three weeks early in most sites
- Increased irrigation and proper canopy management allowed for healthy vines and fruit development
- Cooler temperatures in the fall allowed for an extended hangtime with smaller- than-usual berries, producing more structured tannins
- Harvest started on August 25<sup>th</sup> lasting through early October



### Wine Data

*Appellation* .....Walla Walla Valley  
*Style*.....Red Blend  
*Composition*.....35% Merlot  
.....30% Cabernet Franc  
.....25% Malbec  
.....10% Syrah  
*Vintage* ..... 2015

### Technical Notes

*pH* ..... 3.75  
*Total Acidity*.....5.9 g/L  
*Alcohol* .....14.4%  
*Harvest Date* ..... 8/25-9/16  
*Bottling Date* .....February 27<sup>nd</sup>, 2017  
*Production* ..... 500 cases