



TENOR

TENOR A continuous, unwavering course. With this in mind, our goal is to produce wines that consistently deliver finesse, refinement, power and grace.

THE BLENDS: We compose two premier blended wines each year by using the best fruit from the best vineyards and select only the very best barrels. Both wines are a reflection of Mother Nature's gift upon harvest and homage to the Bordeaux region of France. From each of our vineyard holdings, we have selected the five traditional red grape varietals to compose our two blended wines. Those are: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot.

First, we blend to reflect a style similar to the wines found on the "Left Bank" of Bordeaux. This consists mostly of Cabernet Sauvignon and consistently delivers power, structure, finesse and longevity. We've named this wine 1:1 (one-of-one); which stems from "new chapter, new beginning". Similar to its name, we look at each vintage as a new chapter in the history of our winery and a new beginning for the 1:1. Second, we select the best Merlot of the harvest to blend with the other varietals to reflect a style of wine found on the "Right Bank" of Bordeaux. We've named this wine 2:2 (two-of-two). Using Merlot as the majority and foundation of the wine, we blend in Cabernet Franc as the next largest percentage. This wine is intentionally softer, showing more red fruit with a richer texture in its youth but will age gracefully as great Washington State Merlot has proven. Each varietal is meant to support and add to the characteristics that the other varieties may lack- hence producing the most complete wine possible.

GIVING 100%: In addition to the 1:1 and 2:2, we produce eight 100% single varietals each year. Those are: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Petit Verdot, Syrah, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. Only the varietals that show best in a particular vintage are chosen to be bottled and therefore verticals of these varietals are not possible as each growing season is unique. Unlike the two blended wines- the single varietals are selected on their individual characteristics and must deliver a complete and compelling wine on their own. These single varietals are a true expression of their inherent characteristics, their unique vineyard origin and an approach to winemaking that best supports these two expressions.

Our focus at Tenor is to produce wines that deliver finesse, refinement, power and grace. Please enjoy.

2011 Tenor Syrah

"Flashy black fruit around baking spice and a hint of tobacco leaf and beef carpaccio. This has massive amounts of plum skin, blackberry, black cherry and cassis. Swirled it gets more savory, adding saline and an almost umami type quality to the fruit. Black pepper, berry compote, cured meat and a jammy sweetness make this a wildly complex nose. The palate is huge and beautifully complex, with layers of spice and fruit, sweet tannin and an almost irresistible come back for more quality."

– Winemaker, Aryn Morell

Vineyards	Stillwater Creek, Lawrence
Varieties	100% Syrah
Ageing	16 months, 100% new French oak 500L's
Total Production	210 cases