

## THE WINE

Full of intensity and nuance, this is an approachable presentation of a praised South American varietal. The wine dances through layers of dark fruit, herbs and vegetative notes. It finishes long and clean with lots of sour fruit throughout.

## THE VINEYARD

Rock Bottom Vineyard is in the Walla Walla Valley AVA, adjacent to The Rocks District. It is a unique winegrowing region comprised of a thin layer of sandy soil riding on top of basalt cobblestone rocks resulting in wine grapes with distinct sensory characteristics.

## VINTAGE

The 2023 vintage will be remembered as a delayed growing season in Milton-Freewater. The Summer was warm but not hot, and in September, during harvest, temperatures remained nearly eight degrees below average which afforded greater hang-time and flavor development.

## WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

The 2023 Violet Vines Malbec was fermented in 1.5 ton open top fermenters with extended skin contact post-fermentation. After pressing, the wine was aged for 18 months in French oak Burgandy barrels, 43% of which was new.

## TASTING NOTES

Aromas of tart black cherry, new leather and damp forest floor are evident on the nose. Flavors of both blue and black fruit intertwine with beautiful notes of thyme, mint and basil. Vegetative notes and a hint of clove round out the palate. The finish is long and clean with lots of sour fruit throughout.



## TECHNICAL DATA

<b>Composition</b>	100% Malbec
<b>Aging</b>	18 Months in French Oak (43% New French Oak)
<b>pH</b>	3.59
<b>Titrateable Acidity</b>	6.3 g/L
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.7%
<b>Harvest Date</b>	September 22, 2023
<b>Bottling Date</b>	April 3, 2025
<b>Release Date</b>	June 15, 2025
<b>Bottle Production</b>	95 Cases (1,148 Bottles)