

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 varieties 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 varieties 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 varieties each year. Those are: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Petit Verdot, Syrah, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. Only the varieties that show best in a particular vintage are chosen to be bottled and therefore verticals of these varieties are not possible as each growing season is unique. Unlike the two blended wines- the single varieties are selected on their individual characteristics and must deliver a complete and compelling wine on their own. These single varieties 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.

2012 Tenor Chardonnay

"Lemon curd with citrus zest, crème brulee, spice, quinine, rocks and chalk. Tightly wound around a core of peach pit and barrel spice. The palate is filled with light toast and baking spices and lime zest. Minerals and structure underpinning peach and pear, with green notes of quince and key lime. Shows the more angular and bracing side of Chardonnay grown on fractured basalt."

—Winemaker, Aryn Morell

Vineyards	Stillwater Creek
Varieties	100% Chardonnay
Ageing	11 months, 80% new French oak
Total Production	125 cases

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