

# 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 variety is meant to support and add to the characteristics that the other varieties may lack- hence producing the most complete wine possible.

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

## 2011 Tenor 2:2

"Boysenberry, blackberries, sweet black currants, spices and Bing cherry compote. Swirling brings plum skin and sappy currants, vanilla bean and caramel infused spice. The palate is ripe, soft and beautifully integrated. Offering great freshness, texture and concentration. The tannins are there but sweet and in the background. This vintage delivers immediate gratification, with a wide aging window."

– Winemaker, Aryn Morell



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Drink: 2014 - 2026

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**2011 Tenor 2:2:** The only Bordeaux blend produced in the vintage (Morell chose not to produce his 1:1 release) and made from 35% Merlot, 34% Cabernet Franc, 27% Cabernet Sauvignon and the balance Malbec, that spent 18 months in 83% new French oak, the 2011 2:2 Columbia Valley shows uncommon concentrations and density in the vintage. Loaded with dark chocolate fruits, crushed rock, spice and hints of underlying herbs, this medium to full-bodied beauty has a layered, textured feel, rocking mid-palate density and fine tannin comes through on the finish. In short, it's a superb effort that will have 10 to 12 years of longevity.

Vineyards	Stillwater Creek, Weinbau, Bel'villa, Red Mountain Vineyard
Varieties	35% Merlot, 34% Cab Franc, 27% Cab Sauv, 4% Malbec
Ageing	18 months, 83% new French oak 17% once used French oak
Total Production	750 cases