

FIRST FLIGHT BY GOOSE RIDGE FAMILY LEGACY RED BLEND 2022

Goose Gap AVA, Columbia Valley, Washington



TASTING NOTES: The 2022 Family Legacy Red Blend opens with inviting aromas of raspberry, red plum, and hints of violets. On the palate, vibrant red fruit layers intertwine with supple notes of dark cherry and a touch of baking spice. Fine, silky tannins frame the wine, while bright acidity and earthy undertones carry through to a long, graceful, and satisfying finish.

VITICULTURE: The 2022 season began with an extended cold, wet spring, delaying bud break by several weeks. Summer snapped in abruptly, jumping to the high 90s/100s by early June, with persistent heat through July–August: heat units piled up, but phenolic ripening lagged. Veraison stretched, and harvest ran 2–3 weeks late across varieties; early reds (Merlot) reached optimal ripeness only late Sept/early Oct. A moderate, warm, dry October delivered a smooth finish, concentrating flavor and intensity. Balance of color, structure, and flavor extraction had been achieved. Malolactic fermentation on oak smoothed and softened the wine.

VINIFICATION: Sourced from premier high-elevation blocks, each lot is fermented in small batches with native yeast to highlight concentrated fruit and mineral tension. The wine is aged for 16 months in 100% French oak (30% new), with three rackings, and select barrels are chosen to further enhance depth and complexity.

INTERESTING FACT: Goose Ridge Estate Winery is certified by Sustainable WA, a 3rd party sustainability program for Washington grape growers. Sustainable WA is a framework of best management practices that focus on the three pillars of sustainability; environmental responsibility, social equity, and economic viability. Goose Ridge was one of the first to gain the certification.

FAMILY: In the early 1900s, M.L. Monson brought his family to the Yakima Valley. He came with a love for the land and the dream of building a family farming business that would continue for generations.

The family's initial focus was on orchards and cattle, but after talking with Dr. Walter Clore, the visionary behind Washington's wine industry, Arvid Monson built on his father's legacy in establishing vineyards on the arid hills and in the valleys around Richland. That became Goose Ridge Estate Vineyards & Winery. Today, Goose Ridge is one of the most renowned and progressive of Washington State's nearly 1,000 wineries.

PRODUCER: Goose Ridge

REGION: Goose Gap AVA, Columbia Valley, Washington

GRAPE(S): 47% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, 18% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc

ALCOHOL: 14.1%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.5 G/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 1.1 G/L

pH: 3.78