

Leonetti Cellar
2002 RESERVE
Walla Walla Valley

Vintage Notes:

2002 was a terrific vintage perhaps most notable for its incredible lack of precipitation. We had beautiful weather for bloom resulting in full, even clusters. We then had our last rain of the season shortly there after the second week of June. It then did not rain another drop until well after harvest. The weather throughout the growing season was wonderfully warm with only a few 100+ degree-days. Fruit throughout varieties ripened completely and evenly and we picked at our leisure awaiting perfect flavor balance. Grapes for the Reserve were harvested from September 16th through October 7th – fairly late for a vintage that ripened so early. Patience paid off.

Winemaker notes:

We believe this wine may be remembered as one of the finest Leonetti has produced. The wine's aroma itself can hold one captive without ever taking a sip. The nose boasts incredible sweet fruit, cedar, plums, and cassis. The wine is very dense while being seamless and lasting on the palate long after the wine is swallowed.

We are tremendously proud of the fact that this wine is entirely estate grown. It's so satisfying to realize the culmination of a decade of site selection and viticulture, that results in such a wine.

As always, Leonetti Reserve reflects our efforts to produce a wine amongst the finest in the world. It is only produced in exceptional vintages and blended in varying varietal percentages through diligent selection of individual barrels to produce the greatest wine possible.

Vineyards in this Wine

Mill Creek Upland 80% and Seven Hills 20%
100% Estate Grown in the Walla Walla Valley

Aging Profile

Aged in new French and American oak barrels for 22 months

Blending Detail

Cabernet Sauvignon 52%, Merlot 31%, Petit Verdot 17%

Production

Seven Hundred and sixteen cases produced