

# THE WALLS

## 2021 WONDERFUL NIGHTMARE

### ABOUT THE WINE

A “wonderful nightmare,” how Hemingway described Spain’s Running of the Bulls, is the ultimate oxymoron: Tempranillo, grown in The Rocks District, is just that. It’s a challenge to grow here as frost can quickly cause this heat-loving grape to shut down. But when it works, it’s beautiful.

Tempranillo plantings are few and far between in Walla Walla, but the resulting wines are always fascinating, and unlike any other from Washington state. The fruit sourced for this blend comes from two of the The Rocks District’s most distinct growing sites: Stoney Vine and Rockgarden Estate Vineyards. Formed by the ancient bed of the Walla Walla River, Stoney Vine and Rockgarden sit at one of the highest points in the center of the AVA, close to 900 feet elevation. The combination of the two sites offers complexity and an indisputable sense of place.

### TASTING NOTES

Equal parts pleasurable and provocative, the Wonderful Nightmare has a perspective and is excited to share it. A complex nose of graphite, acacia blossom and crushed cardamom leads into a light and airy texture – a wine that is eminently drinkable and that builds anticipation for the next sip. This is as exciting as American Tempranillo gets.

### COMPOSITION

75% Tempranillo, 25% Mourvèdre

### BARREL PROGRAM

Aged for 20 months in 225L Bordeaux Style Barriques. Aged on lees during élevage up until final blending.

### PRODUCTION

431 Cases

### RELEASE DATE

Spring 2024

### APPELLATION

The Rocks District - Walla Walla Valley AVA

### VINEYARDS

Stoney Vine & Rockgarden Estate Vineyards

### ALCOHOL

13.5%

### ACCOLADES

95 Int’l Wine Report  
95 pts Owen Bargreen

