

# G3 BY GOOSE RIDGE MERLOT 2020

Goose Gap AVA, Columbia Valley, Washington



**TASTING NOTES:** The 2020 G3 Merlot is a symphony of fruit-forward aromas and flavors. Its nose is a riot of black cherry cola, blueberry, and black raspberry, with a hint of toasty complexity. On the palate, this wine shows lavish notes of plum and cherry, with a rich, velvety texture. The wine finishes with a lingering vibrant fruit intensity supported by a touch of minerality and freshness. Overall, this is a wine of terrific finesse and charm, one that showcases the uniqueness of Washington Merlot.

**VITICULTURE:** 100% Columbia Valley, Estate-Grown Fruit. The fruit for this wine was sourced from some of the premier upper blocks of the estate.

**VINIFICATION:** The wine was pumped over twice daily until a balance of color, structure, and flavor extraction had been achieved. Malolactic fermentation on oak smoothed and softened the wine. The wine matured for 15 months in barrels (with 25% new oak). A small amount of Cabernet Sauvignon was carefully blended to polish the structure and enhance the aromatic intensity of the Merlot.

**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:** g3 is a tribute to the three generations of the Monson family to have farmed in the Columbia Valley for more than a century.

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

**ALCOHOL:** 13.7%

**REGION:** Goose Gap AVA, Columbia Valley, Washington

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 5.8 G/L

**GRAPE(S):** 94% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon

**pH:** 3.83