



Winery Overview

OVERVIEW

For more than a century, the Corkrum-Derby family has been farming the area known as Spring Valley. Grapes were first planted in 1993 and in 1995, Walla Walla area winemakers began using Spring Valley Vineyard grapes for their select wines. Shari and Dean Derby took notice and decided to open the winery and produce Estate bottled wines beginning with the 1999 vintage. Their son Devin Corkrum Derby served as winemaker until his untimely death in 2004. Devin's assistant and friend Serge Laville took over as winemaker and continues the legacy of Spring Valley Vineyard. As winemaker, Serge's goal is to produce unparalleled wines of the highest quality that will please the palate now and cellar for many years to come.

OWNERSHIP

Spring Valley Vineyard & Estate is owned by the Corkrum & Derby family. The Spring Valley winery and brand were sold to Ste. Michelle Wine Estates in 2005.

VINEYARD

Spring Valley Vineyard's 109 acres of grapevines are located in the Walla Walla Valley growing region in southeastern Washington. The initially Merlot block was planted in 1993 on a south-southwest facing hillside. The vines follow the north-south slope of the hills in vertical rows, an orientation that, combined with the declination of the slope, allows the vines to take advantage of air drainage, sunshine, and the reflective nature of the surrounding wheat fields.

Great care is taken when caring for the vineyard. Every grape is tended by hand, including crop thinning, leaf pulling, and harvesting, as well as hand-burying individual canes to protect them from the cold winters of southeastern Washington.

KEY PERSONNEL

Serge Laville—*Winemaker*

Jason Gorski—*Enologist*

PRODUCTS

Spring Valley Vineyard is a limited production facility, producing only Estate grown and bottled red wine. The names given to our wines are a tribute to the family members who have struggled and succeeded in farming the same land where the vineyard and winery now flourish.

URIAH—Merlot blend

FREDERICK—Cabernet Sauvignon blend

NINA LEE—Syrah

DERBY—Cabernet Sauvignon

MULE SKINNER—Merlot

KATHERINE—Cabernet Franc

DISTRIBUTION

Spring Valley Vineyard wines are available nationally in wine shops and fine restaurants.

WEBSITE

www.springvalleyvineyard.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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