

WALLA WALLA
SPRING VALLEY VINEYARD
WASHINGTON

2007 Katherine Corkrum Cabernet Franc

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NAME ORIGIN

The names given to Spring Valley Vineyard wines are a tribute to the family members who have succeeded in farming the same land where the vineyard and winery now flourish. A 100% Cabernet Franc, this wine is named in honor of Uriah Corkrum's wife Katherine, a native of Wales who immigrated to Walla Walla Territory in 1897. She and Uriah had four sons, including Frederick Corkrum.

A FAMILY TRADITION

Following the tradition of Uriah, Katherine, Frederick, and Nina Lee Corkrum, Shari Corkrum Derby and her husband Dean Derby continue to operate the wheat fields, vineyard, and winery. The hard work, traditional values, and deep family ties that have kept the ranch going for over 100 years are mirrored in Spring Valley Vineyard's signature offerings.

THE VINEYARD

Spring Valley Vineyard is situated 12 miles northeast of Walla Walla, spread amid the picturesque wheat fields of southeastern Washington with the Blue Mountains providing the backdrop. The initial block of Merlot 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 optimal 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.

VINTAGE

A cool summer and fall allowed fruit to ripen slowly and harmoniously. This is a vintage of elegance, complexity, and perfect acidity.

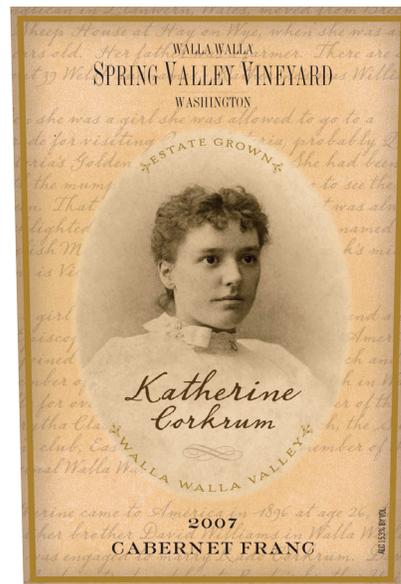
WINEMAKING

Spring Valley Vineyard fruit is hand-picked, hand-sorted, and gently de-stemmed by gravity. During the 10-20 day fermentation, each tank is tasted daily until pressing decision using wooden cage basket presses. In keeping with Spring Valley tradition, originally instituted by founding winemaker Devin Derby, hand punchdowns occur twice a day until the end of alcoholic fermentation. The wine is transferred by pump into barrel for secondary fermentation, and then gets racked and blended together several times for clarity. Finally, the different lots are blended to create our six distinctive labels.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

This debut vintage of Katherine Corkrum Cabernet Franc is rich and earthy, with powerful fruit aromas and flavors and plenty of texture. Toasted almond and dry herbs on the nose lead into more ripe fruit and some herbal character in the mouth. Tannins are silky and there are notes of caramel on the finish. This is a wine that really expresses its Spring Valley *terroir*.

—Serge Lavielle, Winemaker



TECHNICAL DATA:

Blend:

100% Cabernet Franc

TA: 0.59g/100ml

pH: 3.71

Alcohol: 15.3%

Aging:

21 months in 100% French oak barrels; 14% new

Appellation:

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Vineyard:

100% Spring Valley Vineyard

Estate Bottled