

VALENTINA

"If you make wines in a region that can grow the famous grapes of Bordeaux, then it is nearly impossible not to be tempted to see how they blend together and what they can produce. The Valentina showcases a classic blend of Bordeaux grapes, each variety adding a layer of complexity to create something greater than the sum of its parts. Cabernet Sauvignon (56%) gives it structure, Merlot (23%) a vibrant heart, and Malbec (21%) a touch of attitude...just like my daughter, Charli Valentina."

—Melanie Krause, Winemaker

TASTING NOTES

Baked cherry notes and aromas of pumpkin pie spice meet a medium body and smooth and rich texture.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

We can't stop thinking about Chef Gary Kucy's creation (from Rupert's in McCall, Idaho) with Valentina: wine-braised Buffalo short ribs or go decadent with a German Black Forest cake.

WHEN TO DRINK

During the first few years, decant this wine for an hour and then enjoy. This gorgeous blend will continue to evolve beautifully over the next 5-25 years.

SOURCED FROM THE FOLLOWING VINEYARDS:

- Sawtooth
- Emerald Slope



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THE VINTAGE

2017 was a tumultuous vintage for Snake River Valley wineries. A dramatic cold front with temperatures below -15 F during the previous January reduced the yields by about 70%. The Snake River Valley proceeded to have typical summer weather though temperatures were slightly over the 20-year average, with growing degree days topping out at 3100. High snow and spring rainfall aided the retraining of damaged vines. The surviving vines produced a small, high-quality vintage with red wines showing typical Snake River Valley characters of high aromatics, complex fruit flavors, medium weight and long finishes.

PRODUCTION NOTES

- Hand harvested.
- Fermented in 1 ton bins with 3 punch-downs per day.
- Bladder pressed after an average 7 days of skin contact.
- Malolactic fermentation in barrel.
- 20 months of barrel aging in barrels of French and American origin; 30% new and 2nd year barrels; 70% neutral barrels.
- Filtered and bottled in June 2019.

WINE PROFILE

VINTAGE	2017
VARIETAL	Cabernet Sauvignon (56%), Merlot (23%),Malbec (21%)
APPELLATION	Snake River Valley
ACID	6.3 g/L
pH	3.77
AGING	20 Months in Oak
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0%
ALCOHOL %	14.2%
VOLUME	750 ml
CASES PRODUCED	523

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