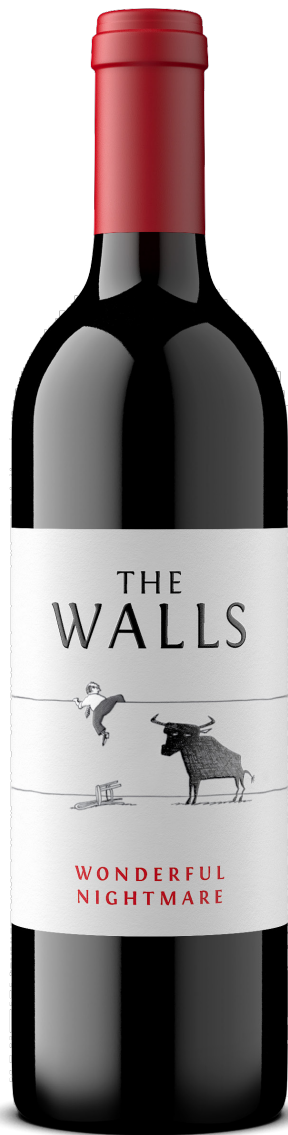


# THE WALLS

## 2016 WONDERFUL NIGHTMARE

### The Story Behind the Name

Hemingway described Pamplona's Festival San Fermin as a "wonderful nightmare". It's also an apt descriptor for this tempestuous Tempranillo, which prefers heat to grow but is tied to the whims of Mother Nature's mood. This fruit hails from "The Rocks", which grows both hot and cold; and cold weather makes Tempranillo shut down -- just as one's insides may with a bull on one's behind. "This is what makes it such a wonderful nightmare. It's hit or miss!" says Ali. "When Mother Nature is in warm spirits, it's beautiful. When she gives us the cold shoulder, it's a nightmare." 2014 was a good season for Tempranillo but 2015, not so much. So, you're going to want to get your hands on this wine while it's available! It's wonderful when you can get it, and a nightmare when you can't.



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#### BLEND:

98% Tempranillo, 2% Grenache

#### AVA/VINEYARD

Walla Walla Valley, Stoney Vine Vineyard

#### HARVEST DATE

Oct. 13, 2016

ABV: 14.3%

pH: 4.17

263 cases produced

Retail: \$38

### Stoney Vine and The Rocks District

Formed by the ancient bed of the Walla Walla River, this 17-acre vineyard sits at an elevation of 870 feet and lies on the Oregon side of the Walla Walla Valley in the world-famous Rocks District of Milton Freewater AVA. The first thing you will notice about this land is the rocks--large basalt cobbles. The stones lay as proof of Mother Nature's erosion of the nearby Blue Mountains. The soil is made of coarse-grain alluvial sediments consisting mainly of these basalt cobbles. This soil, similar to the soils of France's famed Chateaufort-du-Pape, yields wines of great structure and individuality.