

Hanatoro
Winery



Hanatoro: “The path of light and flowers” is a timeless festival of heritage and community celebrated each spring in the ancient Japanese Capitol of Kyoto. For us, it was an inspiring moment that lit a path of adventure in our own Pacific Northwest wine industry. Like its namesake event, this wine has also been an inspiring collaboration among many friends.

Our goal with Hanatoro is to make small and inspiring micro-site expressions of wine each year from the extraordinary terroirs of Walla Walla’s Octave Vineyard.

The 27 acre Octave Vineyard, planted in 2007, is a partnership of 8 leading Pacific Northwest wine producers, Norm McKibben, Jean-Francois Pellet, Justin Wylie, Greg Harrington MS, Tony Rynders, Rick Trumbull, Dennis Murphy and Steve Thomson. Located on the Oregon side of Walla Walla, directly above the legendary Seven Hills Vineyard, the Octave Vineyard features all five classic Bordeaux varietals, planted at 1250 -1350 ft. elevations. ‘Octave’ is a very innovative vineyard well above the killing freeze damage that plagues the area. North-facing and significantly sheltered from the harsh winds of the Columbia Gorge, ‘Octave’ features many trials of vineyard orientation, spacing, clonal and rootstock diversity, and sustainable farming methods. The soil consists of a thin layer of wind-blown loess and glacial alluvial silt covering a deep bed of fractured basalt.

“ Located above Seven Hills, the Octave site’s fruit character is defined by the wind that whips over the vineyard’s shallow basalt-studded soils...(the wines) seem to have a structural element that’s different from the usual rich fruit from (Walla Walla Vineyards) – a firm, thick-skinned grip.”

- Patrick Comiskey, Wine & Spirits Magazine, November 2016

Directly adjacent to the Hanatoro’s ‘Octave’ plantings is Drew Bledsoe’s highly regarded home vineyard for Doubleback. On the other side of Octave Vineyard is the Figgins family’s Serra Pedace Vineyard.

Debuting in 2012, Hanatoro made the first wine entirely of fruit from the Octave Vineyard. Our winery space is located at Va Piano Winery in Walla Walla. Va Piano’s Winemaker and owner, Justin Wylie, stewards our wines through their gentle 20 to 22-month oak aging regimens in the very finest French Oak barrels to our specifications. We handle our wines in barrel with absolute minimal intervention, and we work hands on with Justin to carefully blend and craft 150-200 cases of our wines each year.

At our very core, we are food and beverage people. Our wine was made in a style that will age, yet provide great expression and pleasure to your dining experience today!



Blend:

76% Cabernet Sauvignon, Block 16, 1, and 9/clones 6, 4, &8. 10% Petit Verdot, Block 8/clones 3,4. 8% Malbec, Block 12 & 13/clones 10&11. 6% Merlot, Block 6/clones 1,3, & 4

Cooperage:

Aged 24 months all in French tight-grained barrels from the Allier, Tronçais, and Nevers Forests of central France.

50% new: Seguin-Moreau ‘Icône’ & Alain Forquet ‘Margaux’, 25% 2 year old Alain Forquet ‘St. Emilion’, and 25% neutral Saury Tonnellerie.

Bottled:

140 cases, January 15, 2016
PH 3.74%, TA 6.4%, Alc 14.52%

Winemaker:

Justin Wylie

Proprietors:

Kevin Bozada, Steve & Karen Thomson