

# LONE BIRCH

## RED BLEND

2023 | YAKIMA VALLEY

ESTATE GROWN



### ENOLOGICAL DATA

- 13.9% Alcohol
- 3.88 pH
- 5.6 g/L TA
- 600 Cases

Components: 37% Syrah,  
35% Merlot, 24% Syrah,  
28% Cabernet Sauvignon

MADE IN A VEGAN MANNER

No animal byproducts used

### ABOUT US:

For over four generations, our family has farmed in the Yakima Valley. A prominent landmark on our farm is the old Lone Birch Tree nestled within our vineyard. This tree offers shade to workers, serves as a guide to lost travelers, and, above all, inspires our family. Planted by our great-grandfather, who cherished nature and upheld land stewardship, this symbolic birch tree constantly reminds us of our dedication to environmental care, carbon footprint reduction, sustainable farming practices, and the preservation of our farm for future generations.

### VINEYARD:

Lone Birch Wines are sourced exclusively from our sprawling 830-acre estate vineyard nestled along the foot-hills of the Rattlesnake Mountains within the Yakima Valley AVA of Washington State. With a bountiful 190-day growing season, our vineyard guarantees a gradual and even fruit maturation process. In this high desert environment, the warm days and cool nights fosters vine growth that achieves an exquisite balance, resulting in luscious fruit flavors and abundant natural acidity.

### VINTAGE:

The 2023 vintage in Washington State is considered representative of the region's typical growing conditions. Following a mild winter, spring began on a cooler note, with record-high temperatures in mid-April spurring vine growth by the third week. Steady spring conditions supported consistent vineyard development, and careful management allowed viticulturists to achieve target crop loads and maintain optimal vine balance. June and July brought some of the hottest temperatures on record, leading to an earlier-than-usual veraison in July. The pronounced summer heat accelerated ripening, resulting in grapes with lower acidity, which can be thoughtfully balanced during winemaking. Overall, the 2023 vintage is distinguished by producing some of the ripest fruit in recent years. Wines from this harvest are expected to show intense flavors, with white varietals expressing tropical fruit notes and balanced acidity, and red wines offering refined structure, pronounced dark berry profiles, and tannins suited for both aging and immediate enjoyment.

### WINEMAKING:

All Lone Birch wines are produced from fruit grown on our 830-acre estate vineyard in the Yakima Valley AVA, where an extended 190-day growing season and high desert climate allow for slow, even ripening and balanced acidity. The Lone Birch Red Blend is crafted from select blocks of Cabernet, Merlot, Syrah, and Malbec to highlight pronounced fruit character and soft tannins. Each block was harvested at optimal maturity in October, optically sorted, and cold soaked for 48 hours before fermentation with multiple yeast strains. A vigorous extraction early in fermentation was gradually reduced to preserve fruit expression and achieve a balanced, lush palate. The wine remained on skins until dryness, then was pressed and aged in a combination of barrels and tanks, with lees stirred twice monthly for three months to enhance texture and roundness. The 2023 Red Blend was aged for twelve months in 9% new French oak, 70% three-year-old French oak, and 21% neutral oak, allowing the fruit-forward profile to shine with a subtle, integrated oak influence.

### TASTING NOTES:

Our 2023 Lone Birch Red Blend is a full-bodied wine that highlights the finest varietals from our Estate Vineyard. It opens with inviting aromas of blackberry jam, sweet plum, cherry juice, and fresh fig. The palate is refined, revealing layered notes of baker's chocolate, soy sauce, and licorice, complemented by subtle hints of white pepper and seared leather. The wine finishes with balanced acidity, polished tannins, and a delicate touch of toasted oak that lingers pleasantly. We recommend enjoying this wine now through 2035, with peak maturity anticipated around 2031.

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