

BROWNE

FAMILY VINEYARDS

Inspired by the greatness of one man, William Bitner Browne, late grandfather of proprietor Andrew Browne, Browne Family Vineyards is a dream that has been many years in the making. Every decision made – from the vineyard to the bottle – reflects a commitment to premium Washington state wine of uncompromising quality, assuring cellar worthy vintages that stand the test of time.

“A TRIBUTE TO MY MOTHER.”

- Andrew Browne



2017 MERLOT

TASTING NOTE

“Aromas of vanilla and toasted oak lead to flavors of pine nuts, molasses and plum. Medium bodied with silky soft and integrated tannins, this wine finishes with a mix of savory forest floor notes and flavors of dark chocolate and all spice. This wine is elegant and approachable and will pair well with fatty meats like prime rib with rosemary or leg of lamb with mint jelly.”

John Freeman

- John Freeman, Winemaker

VINTAGE NOTE

After warmer and larger than average harvests from 2012-2016, this year's growing season and harvest were far more normal. A wet spring led to a dry, warm summer, allowing for excellent fruit development in our vineyards. By harvest, our fruit showed phenolic ripeness with an ideal balance between sugar, acids, and tannin in the fruit skins. The fruit harvested will make for a fine 2017 vintage from Washington. Harvest began during the second week of August with the last of our Cabernet Sauvignon pulled from The Benches Vineyard at Wallula Gap and Skyfall Vineyard on November 2.

WINEMAKING

HARVEST DATE
Sept. 27 – Nov. 3, 2017

BLEND
100% Merlot

AGED
21 months

OAK
48% new French oak

TA	PH	ALC.
<i>4.5 g/l</i>	<i>3.88</i>	<i>14.22%</i>

VINEYARDS

WALLA WALLA VALLEY AVA

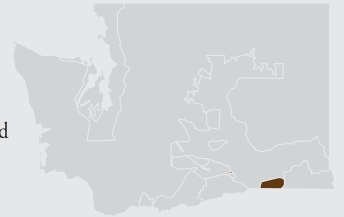
77% Browne Estate Vineyard

Deep, silt loam soils that hold moisture exceptionally paired with the diurnal shift—hot days and long, cool nights, which capture great acids and sugars – results in wines with concentrated and well-pronounced flavor.

RED MOUNTAIN AVA

23% Klipsun Vineyard

A sub-AVA of Yakima Valley AVA, Red Mountain, named for its red grasses, is the warmest AVA in Washington known for its diversity of vineyards and uniqueness of its terroir.



2015 – 90 POINTS, *Wine & Spirits*
2014 – 89 POINTS, *James Suckling*

2012 – 90 POINTS, *Wine Spectator*
2011 – 92 POINTS, *Tasting Panel*