**POLLARD 2017 RED BLEND**

**POLLARD VINEYARD**

**YAKIMA VALLEY**

**100% Estate Grown Fruit**

**44% Cabernet Franc**

**37% Merlot**

**19% Cabernet Sav**

**14 % Alcohol**

**3.6 PH**

**20% new wood, Taransaud Barrels**

**1 bunch per shoot**

**Yakima Valley AVA**

**Suggested Retail: $35/bottle**

**92 Points Jeb Dunnuck**

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**Pollard Vineyard, a woman-owned vineyard and winery, is located near Zillah, Washington in the Upper Yakima Valley. Robin Pollard, former Executive Director of the Washington Wine Commission, and farmer at heart, planted the vineyard based on the philosophy that if you take care of the land and the vines with minimal intervention, the grapes and wines will be expressive, balanced and complex.**

**A combination of cover crops, application of organic compost and minimal tilling is utilized in the care of the vineyard. All pruning and harvesting is carefully done by hand. Pollard composts the grape skin and seeds and returns to the family garden which is located at her home on Vashon.**

**Distinguishing features of the vineyard include a focus on clonal selection and a denser than average planting. Pollard Vineyard has 2400 plants per acre compared to the typical planting of 1700 plants. The vines are spaced 3 feet apart in 6-foot rows. This maximizes land use and achieves water efficiency. All French clones were selected, with the exception of one California Cabernet clone. Half the vineyard is planted in Cabernet Franc (Robin’s favorite grape) with one fourth each in Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot.**

**The 10-acre site has a southwest facing slope. The soil is a mix of sandy loam with a subsoil of limestone. The vines are trained on unilateral cordons.**

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