

2015 Apogee

Pepper Bridge Vineyard · Walla Walla Valley

94 points, Jeb Dunnuck, www.JebDunnuck.com,
April 2018

"The 2015 Apogee Pepper Bridge Vineyard has the most Cabernet Sauvignon of the three top releases and is 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 10% Malbec, and 5% Cab Franc. Aged 22 months in 40% new oak, it offers loads of blackcurrants, scorched earth, chocolate, and graphite aromatics, full-bodied richness, a silky, layered texture, and beautiful purity of fruit. It's a big, rich, yet impeccably balanced red."—Jeb Dunnuck

93 points, The Wine Advocate,
www.RobertParker.com,
June 2018

"Offering up notes of black cherries, cassis, pencil lead and loamy soil, the 2015 Apogee Pepper Bridge Vineyard is medium to full-bodied, supple and concentrated, balanced by juicy acids. While it's also somewhat firm and chewy on the finish, it's comparatively open-knit and giving, and I'm more confident that it will reward a few years' patience with an outstanding showing. This site in the Walla Walla has a good track record for producing age-worthy but giving wines."
—William Kelley

93 points – James Suckling, www.JamesSuckling.com
May 2018

"This is a red that shows complex aromas of licorice, berries, tar and hazelnuts that follow through to a full body, firm and chewy tannins and a long and flavorful finish. Shows definition and intensity. Blend of 60% cabernet sauvignon, 25% merlot, 10% malbec and 5% cabernet franc. Needs two or three years to soften". — James Suckling

92 points, Stephen Tanzer, Vinous, www.Vinous.com,
November 2017

"Dark ruby-red. Superripe but not roasted on the nose, with aromas of cassis, blackberry, violet and dark chocolate complicated by mint and mocha nuances from the Malbec. Plush, rich, tactile wine with a distinct pyrazine character that should be transformed into tobacco in a few years, typical of the Pepper Bridge vineyard. At once creamy and juicy, this wine finishes with suave tannins and lovely sneaky length. Walla Walla's cool sites often perform very well in the warm years, and this is prime example." — Stephen Tanzer

90 points – Wine Enthusiast, www.winemag.com
October 2018

"Cabernet Sauvignon (60%) is in the lead, followed by Merlot (25%), Malbec (10%) and Cabernet Franc. The aromas are redolent with notes of black currant, black raspberry, black licorice, fresh herb and spice. The palate is tightly wound, with layers of dark-fruit flavors, with slightly dry tannins bringing a grip on the finish. The tannins seem a bit unresolved at present." — Sean Sullivan

89 points – Wine Spectator, www.winespectator.com
October 2018

"Deeply structured and sturdy, with blackberry, river stone and black olive accents that build depth toward lively tannins. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec and Cabernet Franc. Best from 2020 through 2025." — Tim Fish

Medals & Competitions

Gold – Walla Walla Valley Wine Competition, 2018

Silver – Bellingham Northwest Wine Festival, 2018