



REININGER

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

2022 Precipice, Walla Walla Valley

Tasting Notes

The 2022 Precipice opens with bright aromatics of cherry, red currant, and red plum, layered with notes of blood orange, fig, and delicate wood spice. Subtle floral hints of orchid and a touch of savory herb add complexity. On the palate, vibrant Bing cherry and currant lead, followed by watermelon, raspberry, and young blackberry. The finish lingers with black cherry, a whisper of oak spice, and dark earth. Fine, soft-grip tannins and medium-plus acidity provide structure, energy, and a long, balanced finish.

The 2022 Vintage

A wet, cold winter, an April snowstorm at bud break, and cool spring temperatures left the vines uneven and nearly two weeks behind schedule. Summer heat further slowed development, but favorable conditions in September and October restored balance, allowing for extended, even ripening. The result was higher yields with expressive flavors, vivid color, and outstanding balance.

The Walla Walla AVA & Pepper Bridge Vineyards

Planted in 1971 near the Blue Mountains, Pepper Bridge Vineyard now spans 171 acres at 900 feet in elevation. Its ancient glacial soils, topped with mineral-rich loess, and sustainable, state-of-the-art farming practices make it one of Washington's most sought-after vineyard sources.

Situated at the foothills of the Blue Mountains along the Washington–Oregon border, the Walla Walla Valley is defined by dramatic day-to-night temperature swings and diverse soils. Established in 1984, the AVA is home to over 120 wineries and nearly 3,000 acres of vines.

The Origins of Precipice

Precipice is the sum of thirty vintages of winemaking, a career as a professional mountain guide, and the resulting veneration of the natural world. For Chuck Reininger, each wine and every climb are metaphors for one another: a fusion of experience, skill, patience and audacity. Precipice unites the essence of the Walla Walla Valley, the summit of human know-how, and the drive to go higher that reflects both the wine and the man behind it.

Reininger Winery

Reininger harvested its first grapes in the 1997 vintage, committed to produce wines sourced exclusively from the Walla Walla Valley. Chuck Reininger's years as a professional mountain guide inspired a profound awe for this special place, inspiring him to "bring the outside in" and to capture that essence of place, time and respect in wines that are expressive, balanced and poised.



Wine Data:

Composition: 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Syrah, 5% Malbec
Vineyards :100% Pepper Bridge Vineyard
Cooperage:100% French oak (50% new)
Alcohol: 14.1%
pH: 3.83
Total Acidity: 5.7
Bottling Date: June 2024
Release Date: January 2026
Case Production: 183

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