



FIRST PLANTED: 1991

ELEVATION:  
800 – 850 FEET  
PLANTED ON TOP OF THE  
HIGHER TERRACES

ASPECT:  
TERRACED HILLTOP

SOIL: 3 FEET WIND  
BLOWN LOESS UNDERLAID  
BY RICH SEDIMENTARY  
DEPOSITS FROM GLACIAL  
FLOODS.

AVERAGE RAINFALL:  
12 – 14 INCHES

WIND: MODERATE,  
PREDOMINANTLY  
SOUTHWEST

## Pepper Bridge Vineyard,

planted in the terraced remnants of the ice-age flood deposits, is one of the Walla Walla Valley's most reputable vineyards. The original ten acres were planted in 1991 and have been expanded over the years to more than 180 acres. We currently hold acreage contracts on 15 acres of vines providing specifications on pruning, yield, canopy management, irrigation, thinning and harvest timing. The attributes of this vineyard noted in the sidebar are reflected in its characteristic spicy, bold and dark fruit flavors, rich structure, well-integrated tannins and long finish.

L'Ecole N<sup>o</sup> 41 was the first winery to produce wines from this vineyard, our well-known bordeaux blend, Apogee.

PEPPER BRIDGE VINEYARD

# APOGEE

Since 1993 we have produced Apogee, a single vineyard blend from Pepper Bridge Vineyard, which highlights the distinct qualities of this vineyard site. Over the years numerous vintages have garnered tremendous reviews, ratings and success to the point that it is arguably our most sought-after red wine. A blend of cabernet

sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc, this boldly aromatic wine has spicy aromas of nutmeg and cloves, earthy hints of sweet tobacco and leather, and dark fruit flavors of black cherry, plum and cassis.

We chose the proprietary name, Apogee, because its definition seemed to reflect all that we were trying to accomplish with this wine....reaching the highest point.

ap·o·gee \äp'ə-jē\

- 1) The point in the orbit of the moon that is at the greatest distance from the center of the earth
- 2) The farthest or highest point, the apex

