



2015 Merlot

Production	1454 cases
Blend	90% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot
Appellation	Columbia Valley
Vineyards	62% Red Mountain, 28% Wahluke Slope, 3% Columbia Valley, 7% Walla Walla
Alcohol	14.3%
Cooperage	55% new oak (70% American and 30% French), 45% neutral oak Aged for 20 months

Winemaking

Crushed gently and dropped into 1.5 ton bins, cold soaked 48 hours minimum, then inoculated with a variety of yeasts, hand-punched and pressed directly to barrel where the wine finishes both primary and secondary fermentations. The individual lots of wine that comprise the Merlot are kept separate for at least 12 months before they are blended so the best barrels from each lot can be selected for the Merlot.

Tasting Notes

On the nose notes of savory meat, dark red raspberries and leather entwine to build complex bouquet, while on the palate bolder red fruit opens the wine, followed by subtle pepper notes. The medium plus body of the wine is complemented by integrated smooth tannins that provide a smooth finish to the wine.