



2016 Merlot

Production	1148 cases
Blend	90% Merlot 8% Cabernet Sauvignon 2% Petit Verdot
Appellation	Columbia Valley
Vineyards	62% Red Mountain, 28% Wahluke Slope, 7% Walla Walla, 3% Columbia Valley
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 1.5ton 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	The nose shows notes of dark fruit, including raspberry, cranberry and blackberry, followed by hints of bacon, leather and tobacco. The palate brings a rich, full mouthfeel with tart notes of rhubarb and a dynamic yet smooth finish.