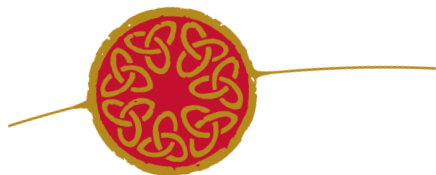


# SEVEN HILLS



*Merlot*

SEVEN HILLS VINEYARD

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

2007

ALCOHOL 13.7% BY VOLUME

## MERLOT 2007

Seven Hills Vineyard / Walla Walla Valley

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**Vineyards:** 100% Seven Hills Vineyard, Old Blocks

**Grapes:** 100% Merlot

**Vintage Season:** Average temperatures, cooler autumn, average yields

**Barrels:** 18 months French Oak barrels, 40% new

**Time in Cellar:** Bottled March 2009

**Aroma:** Blackberry, dust, vanilla, sweet spice

**Taste:** Warm, round, ripe berries, toffee, mocha

**Alcohol %:** 13.7

**Lot Size:** 465 cases

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

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Vintage 2007 gave us lush wines with a classic structure; soft but with polish and fine grained tannins. This enchanting Merlot is from some of the oldest vines in the Walla Walla Valley; vines we have harvested since 1988. The aroma is of blackberry and hints of licorice, vanilla and sweet spice. Delightful balance with restrained oak opening to abundant blackberry by mouth, with accents of mocha and toffee and a lingering persistent finish. This is a wine to enjoy throughout the course of a meal. This Merlot will age well into the 8-10 year range under proper cellar conditions.

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