

SEVEN HILLS

MERLOT

Columbia Valley

2009



MERLOT 2009/Columbia Valley

Vineyards: Walla Walla Valley, Yakima Valley, Red Mountain

Grapes: 92% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc

Vintage Season: Warm summer, moderate autumn. Yields near average. Lovely harvest conditions

Vinification: Open top fermenters, then 18 months in American, European, and French oaks, 25% new

Time in cellar: Bottled March 2011

Aroma: Ripe red and black berries, warm baking spices, vanillin,

Taste: Full soft fruit, warm density, smooth lingering finish

Alcohol: 14.2%

Lot size: 750 cases

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Fruit for this Merlot bottling is selected from several premium sites and sub appellations of the Columbia Valley making it a true expression of Washington State Merlot. The wine has beautiful balance with great color and structure. Aromas of blackberry and ripe, red fruits with a delicate oak notes open the wine. On the palate abundant, warm fruit, toffee and baking spice flow into the lingering yet vibrant finish. This wine is delicious upon release and will continue to drink well 2 -4 years from vintage date.

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ALCOHOL 14.2% BY VOLUME