

SEVEN HILLS

CARMENÈRE



Walla Walla Valley

2006

ALCOHOL 13.7% BY VOLUME

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Vineyards: Minnick Hills & Morrison Vineyards

Grapes: 100% Carmenere

Vintage Season: Moderately warm, dry

Harvest Method: Hand-picked

Barrels: 17 months in primarily French Oak,
40% New

Time in Cellar: Bottled March 2008

Aroma: Ripe red raspberry, herb, white pepper,
spice

Taste: Bright persistent red fruit, pepper, herb,
full sweet fruit finish

Alcohol %: 13.5

Lot Size: 100 cases

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Morrison and Minnick Hills are among the oldest Carmenere plantings in the valley. This is our first release of a Carmenere, a varietal most well known from Chile, but with a long history in Bordeaux. It's likely that this will only be made as a separate varietal in special vintages. A full-bodied, complex red with potential for further development in bottle. Aromas of spice, white pepper, and an enchanting fines herbs quality dominate the nose. The palate shows full and rich flavors of herb, sweet ripe raspberry, and pepper. A perfectly balanced tannic structure and adequate acidity support the long, fruitful perfectly balanced tannic structure and adequate acidity support the long, fruitful finish.

An extremely limited, winery only release.

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