

SEVEN HILLS

MERLOT

Columbia Valley

2007



ALCOHOL 13.5% BY VOLUME

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Vineyards: Walla Walla Valley, Yakima Valley,
Red Mountain

Grapes: 87% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Franc

Vintage Season: Moderately warm, extended hang time

Vinification: 18 months in French, American
and European Oak, 25% new

Time in Cellar: Bottled July 2008

Aroma: Ripe red plum, blackberry, with sweet
oak tones of toffee and spice

Taste: Gentle structure with some brightness, dry finish

Alcohol %: 13.5

Lot Size: 670 cases

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Fruit for this Merlot was selected from several vineyards within the Columbia Valley. Temperatures in Vintage 2007 were moderately warm with sun-filled dry days of extended hang time at harvest. This wine shows the balance and lush character of the 2007 vintage. Sweet oak tones of toffee and spice open to hints of violets in the nose and gentle tannins with warm blackberry nuances of Merlot flavor are complimented by the Cabernet Franc adding softness and complexity.

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