



TA: 0.55 g/100 mL

PH: 3.81

ALCOHOL: 13.7%

BLEND:

81% Merlot, 11% Syrah, 2% Malbec, 6% other red varietals

COLUMBIA VALLEY

2019 Merlot Columbia Valley

VINTAGE NOTES

- Winter temperatures were average preceding the 2019 growing season resulting in little to no vine damage and bud break occurred normally.
- Warm spring temperatures created excellent conditions for canopy growth and early fruit development.
- Summertime temperatures were mild followed by cooler fall temperatures which were ideal for maintaining acidity and developing beautiful fruit flavors and aromas.

VINEYARD NOTES

- Columbia Valley vineyards lie in the rain shadow of the Cascade Mountains and receive just 6-8 inches of rainfall annually.
- Warm, sunny days and cool evening temperatures create ideal conditions for intense aroma and flavor development in the ripening grapes.
- Sandy soils with low fertility and low water-holding capacity enable precise control of vine growth.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- Ripe grapes were destemmed and inoculated with various strains of yeast to maximize complexity.
- Gentle pumpovers during fermentation were used to extract color and flavor and produce soft, supple tannins.
- Aged 18 months in a combination of 15% New French oak, 14% New American oak and 71% Neutral oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

“We craft this wine to be our complex yet approachable Merlot. The wine offers aromas of black cherry, leather and spice with layers of rich dark red fruit flavors and a long, smooth, sweet finish. A touch of Syrah adds a jammy fruit character. I think of this wine as a great “everyday red.” Brian Mackey, Winemaker