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2015 Columbia Valley Merlot

Winemaker's Tasting Notes - The deeply expressive nose is intricate and alluring. Rich notes of blackberry coulis, star anise and cardamom entwine with the savory perfume of rosemary. A firmly structured palate invokes notes of bramble, black huckleberry and sweet tobacco. Young and tightly wound, decanting reveals a voluptuous layer of dark fruits. These intricacies will only become more harmonious with time.

Varietal Composition

92% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard Sources

Sagemoor Farms: Bacchus, Dionysus & Weinbau; Heather Hill Estate; Kiona Heart of the Hill

Appellation

Columbia Valley

Harvest Date

August 27, 2015 – September 30, 2015

Oak Composition

100% French – medium toast

40% new, 60% experienced

Chemistry

Alc. 14.5%, pH 3.82, TA 5.58g/100ml

Barrel Aging: 18 months

Bottling Date: June 26, 2017

Release Date: November 2, 2017

Cases Produced: 728

Winemaker: Daniel Wampfler & Amy Alvarez-Wampfler

93 Points – Vinous *“Sexy, slightly exotic scents of black raspberry, blueberry, mocha, tobacco, chocolate, spices and licorice. Plush, densely packed and alive, conveying a restrained sweetness and outstanding depth to its pliant red berry, mocha and spice flavors. Spreads out to saturate the palate on the back half, finishing with serious but suave tannins and superb persistence. This utterly seamless Merlot really showcases its vintage...”*