

# ABEJA



## 2016 Merlot Columbia Valley

**94 Points - Jeb Dunnuck** *“Moving to the reds, the 2016 Merlot is beautiful and also up with the top Merlots in the vintage. Terrific red currants, blackberries, spice box, and cedary herb notes all flow to a plump, medium to full-bodied Merlot that hits the palate with loads of fruit, a stacked mid-palate, and a great finish. It’s already beautiful but promises to keep for 10-15 years.”*

**92+ Points - Vinous** *“Lovely perfumed lift to the aromas of dark raspberry, cherry and sandalwood; as much red as black in character. Intensely flavored and sharply delineated, offering captivating inner-mouth perfumed lift to its dark berry and licorice flavors... This serious, refined, very youthful Merlot finishes with an element of medicinal reserve, dusty tannins and sneaky energy and length... A classic presentation of the 2016 vintage.”*

### Varietal Composition

100% Merlot

### Vineyard Sources

Heather Hill Estate, Mill Creek Estate, Sagemoor Farms, Ciel du Cheval

### Appellation

Columbia Valley

### Harvest Date

September 5, 2016 – October 19, 2016

### Oak Composition

100% French – medium toast, 40% new, 60% experienced

### Chemistry

Alc. 14.5%, pH 3.82, TA 5.58g/L

**Barrel Aging:** 20 months

**Bottling Date:** June 2018

**Release Date:** November 2018

**Cases Produced:** 613

**Winemaker:** Daniel Wampfler & Amy Alvarez-Wampfler