

ABEJA



2018 MERLOT COLUMBIA VALLEY

94 POINTS – DECANTER

Soft and very approachable even after three years, the 2018 Abeja Merlot unveils a silky texture and fantastic sense of mouthfeel. Firm tannins hold in place a massive core of dark fruit, sweet pipe tobacco and chocolate fudge flavours. Decadent to enjoy now, this has another decade or more to go.

93 POINTS – VINOUS

Bright, dark red. Sexy, inviting scents of redcurrant, raspberry, mocha, dried flowers and spicy, nutty oak. Plush, round and sweet but also shapely and firm; a serious mouthful of Merlot with noteworthy depth to its flavors of raspberry, plum, mocha and earth. With its terrific breadth and supple, sweet tannins, this is an uncommonly sophisticated Washington Merlot with plenty of baby fat. It can be enjoyed now with some aeration but has the stuffing to last.

92 POINTS – JAMES SUCKLING

A medium-to full-bodied red with aromas of black plum, blueberry, sweet tobacco and cedar. Firm, creamy tannins and a plummy, plush texture. Oak spices on the finish.

92 POINTS – WINE ENTHUSIAST

Editor's Choice

Reserved raspberry, black currant and mocha aromas are followed by seamless red and black fruit flavors. It offers a lot of direct appeal but with plenty of complexity beyond that.

90 POINTS – JEB DUNNUCK

Lots of elegant black cherry, mulberry, and darker currant fruits as well as cedary herbs define the 2018 Merlot. Medium-bodied, it has an elegant, rather narrow mouthfeel, good balance, and polished tannins. It's nicely balanced and certainly has lots of charm. Drink it over the coming decade.