

ABEJA



2019 MERLOT COLUMBIA VALLEY

VINOUS – 93 POINTS

“The 100% varietal 2019 Merlot Columbia Valley is a gorgeous effort by the Wampfler winemaking team. A generous texture greets you as layers of kirsch, mocha, tar and anise meld nicely on the palate. Finishing long, this outstanding effort is already great to consume right now and will provide drinking enjoyment for at least another decade.”

JAMES SUCKLING – 91 POINTS

“A savory nose of cured meat, grilled plum and cedar. Full-bodied with bright berry acidity. Soft tannins. Black licorice towards the end. Good depth and persistence.”

WINE SPECTATOR – 90 POINTS

“Precise and sleekly built, offering red currant, dusty mocha and tomato leaf notes that speed toward refined tannins.”

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

Cool spring weather resulted in a slow start to the 2019 growing season, but summer temperatures warmed nicely, and the heat was even throughout July and August, with no significant spikes. Harvest was slow and steady, with fall temperatures a little cooler than usual, giving grapes the added benefit of extended hang time to reach full physiological maturity and develop excellent natural acidity. The resulting red wines are notable for concentrated flavor and finesse.

HARVEST DATES & VINEYARDS

August 17- October 11, 2019

Sagemoor Farms: Bacchus, Dionysus & Weinbau; Abeja Estate; Ciel du Cheval

BARREL AGING

100% French oak - 20 months - 33% new, 67% experienced

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Merlot

APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

CHEMISTRY

Alcohol 14.5%, pH 3.78, TA 5.81 g/L

CASE PRODUCTION

688 cases

WINEMAKERS

Daniel Wampfler & Amy Alvarez-Wampfler