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2014 Merlot, Columbia Valley

Winemaker's Tasting Notes - Our acclaimed Merlot is particularly exciting in this ripe vintage. Intoxicating on the nose with aromas of plum blossom, tea leaf, black pepper and vanillin. The palate draws you in with bold and generous dark fruits, ganache, sagebrush and grilled meats. Good structure, velvety texture and bright acidity are woven together with well-integrated fine tannins. Round and supple, this youthful Merlot will become even more expressive with age.

Varietal Composition

97% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard Source

Sagemoor Farms: Bacchus, Dionysus & Weinbau;
Mill Creek Estate; Celilo; Scooteny Flats

Appellation

Columbia Valley

Harvest Dates

September 13 – October 1, 2014

Oak Composition

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

Chemistry

Alc. 14.8%, pH 3.79, TA 5.6 g/L

Barrel Aging: 18 months

Bottling Date: June 10, 2016

Release Date: November 1, 2016

Cases Produced: 735

Winemakers: Daniel Wampfler & Amy Alvarez-Wampfler

90 Points – The Wine Advocate *“The 2014 Columbia Valley Merlot is a ripe, black fruit, plum, leafy herbs and mineral-scented effort that has medium to full-bodied richness, moderate mid-palate depth and tons of upfront charm. It’s going to drink nicely through 2024.”*