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Vineyard: Walla Walla Valley, Yakima Valley, Red Mountain

Grapes: Merlot, 94 % Cabernet Sauvignon 6%

Vintage Season: cool spring and summer, moderate autumn with extended ripening, low yields

Vinification: open top fermenters, with 16 months in American, European and French Oak, 25% new

Time in Cellar: Bottled March, 2012

Aroma: cherry, red currant, warm baking spices and vanilla

Taste: bright red fruit, cocoa, toffee

Alcohol: 14.6%

Lot Size: 560 cases produced

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The fruit in this handcrafted Merlot is selected from several premium sites and sub-appellations of the Columbia Valley making it a true expression of Washington State Merlot; it's a wine with great structure and a deft balance of fruit, tannin and acidity. The nose opens with bright red currant and cherry notes with a hint of vanilla. On the palate warm baking spice cradles the cherry and raspberry flavors opening to a core of cocoa and toffee. Lingering and vibrant finish.

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