



## 2011 MERLOT COLUMBIA VALLEY

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Vineyards: Select Walla Walla ,Columbia Valley, and Red Mountain sites

Grapes: 100% Merlot

Vintage Season: Cool growing conditions throughout, extending ripening period, low yields

Vinification: Open top fermenters, 16 months in American and European oaks, 25 % new

Time in Cellar: Bottled February 2013

Aroma: Boysenberry, plum, spice cake

Taste: Plush, generous, integrated plum,boysenberry

Alcohol: 14.3%

Lot size: 634 cases

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

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The cool 2011 vintage offered a classic Washington State Merlot, with the perfect balance of plushness, ripe fruit, and brightness. Aromas of boysenberry, plum and spice cake fill the nose. The palate shows a soft, generous palate supporting flavors of berry, plum and spice, with a little brightness lifting it all. This wine is drinking well at release, and should age nicely over the course of a year or two.

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