



## 2013 Merlot

### Seven Hills Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley

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Vineyard: Seven Hills Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley  
100% LIVE Certified Sustainable

Grapes: 94% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc,  
3% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage: Very warm growing conditions, with strong heat  
unit accumulation producing small berries with  
opulent fruit framed by firm tannin structure

Ageing: 20 Months in French Oak Barrels, 40% new

Aroma: Black cherry, marionberry, cocoa, cedar, rose

Taste: Cherry, blackberry, black tea, leather, black  
peppercorn, spice

Vegan: Yes

Alcohol: 13.9%

Lot size: 785 cases

## Winemaker's Notes

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This wine is drawn from the original Merlot blocks at Seven Hills Vineyard that I planted with my father in the summer of 1982. 2013 marks the 26<sup>th</sup> vintage I have made Merlot from these same vines.

This vintage exhibits a beautiful, dark ruby color and enticing aromas of black cherry, bramble berries, cocoa, cedar, and rose petals. The palate is supple and generous with loads of red and black fruits accentuated with earthy tea, leather, and spice finishing with both supple fruit and firm, spicy tannins. While drinking well at release, it will improve considerably with a few years extra bottle age and should cellar well for up to ten years from vintage.

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