



2014

Seven Hills Vineyard MERLOT
WALLA WALLA VALLEY

SEVEN HILLS WINERY

TECHNICAL NOTES

VINEYARD	Seven Hills Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley 100% LIVE Certified Sustainable		
GRAPES	93% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc		
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, raspberry, black tea, red currant, black peppercorn, spice		
ALCOHOL	14.7%	LOT SIZE	I064 cases SRP \$45.00



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This wine is drawn from the original Merlot blocks at Seven Hills Vineyard that I planted with my father in the summer of 1982. 2014 marks the 27th 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 vanilla and spice and finishing with both supple fruit and firm, spicy tannins. While drinking well at release, it will improve considerably with a few years of bottle age and should cellar well for up to ten years from vintage.

Casey McClellan, Winemaker

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