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2017 MERLOT *Walla Walla Valley*

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

From the beginning, it's been our belief that Walla Walla Valley presents one of the world's best expressions of Merlot through the perfect combination of soils and climate; the varietal is at its most expressive when grown in the mellow, moderate conditions our appellation offers. Merlot possesses a plush, hedonistic character that has richness and complexity and ages gracefully. Crafted in an old world style that demonstrates restrained oak and balanced acidity, our Merlots are elegant, complex and true to their varietal characteristics.

Drawing on thirty years of experience working with established, dedicated winegrowers, we've sourced this bottling from a selection of the sweet spots of Merlot terroir, vineyards with deep silt-loam soils at mid-elevations within Walla Walla Valley. This wine presents all the classic attributes we look for in Washington Merlot: lush and ripe fruit, a balanced and succulent palate, and a friendly accessibility. We also blend in a small amount of Cabernet Franc to accentuate the floral notes and bring an intriguing undertone of tobacco and brown leaf.

TECHNICAL NOTES

VINEYARD	<i>Select hand-farmed and hand-harvested vineyards in Walla Walla Valley, including our estate SHW Founding Vineyard and Les Collines Vineyard</i>		
VARIETALS	<i>95% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc</i>		
VINTAGE	<i>Typical growing conditions, with average heat and a long autumn ripening season.</i>		
AGEING	<i>Small, open top fermenters. Aged 16 months in French, American, and European oak, 40% new</i>		
AROMA	<i>Ripe strawberry, black plum, cocoa</i>		
TASTE	<i>Soft, berry palate of strawberry, black plum and spice with a juicy, firm finish.</i>		
ALCOHOL	<i>13.4%</i>	LOT SIZE	<i>3020 cases</i>
		PRICE	<i>\$25.00</i>



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