



SEVEN HILLS WINERY

2019 MERLOT WALLA WALLA VALLEY

Within Washington State, with its Merlot-friendly climate and soils, the Walla Walla Valley AVA occupies a very special place, with just the right amount of warmth and a generous variety of soil types and elevations, coupled with a decades long tradition of growing world class Merlot. With 30 years of experience as Merlot specialists, working with established, dedicated winegrowers, we've sourced this bottling from a selection of the sweet spots of Merlot terroir, in deep silt-loam soils at mid-elevations around the AVA.



VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

100% Merlot from select vineyards in Walla Walla Valley focusing on deep silt-loam soils and mid-elevation. Open top fermented, aged in 40% new French, American and Russian barrels (225L barrels) for 16 months. Crossflow filtered.

VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage began with a late winter, leading into a normal spring with good flowering and fruit set. The summer was mild, and a cool September provided great flavor, color and acidity in the wines. The first block of Merlot was harvested on the 7th of September and the last block was harvested on the 11th of October.

TASTING NOTES

Ruby in color; aromatics of cherries, mountain raspberries, dark chocolate, and hints of herbs. Medium body and length; with flavors of black cherries, raspberries and mocha leading into velvety tannins with notes of coco powder and baking spices on the finish. This wine is a great mealtime wine and pairs well with grilled waygu beef hamburgers or portabella mushroom with gouda or white cheddar cheese and grilled onions. This wine will be best enjoyed upon release and over the next five years.

ANALYSIS

VARIETALS 100% Merlot

ALCOHOL 14.5%

PH 3.73

TA 6.0 g/L

KEY FACTS

- Walla Walla Valley provides a great blend of soils and climate for Merlot.
- Producing Merlot for over 30 years.
- Great food wine.