

Sagelands

MERLOT

COLUMBIA VALLEY
2014

TASTING NOTE

This rich, ripe merlot opens with aromas of wood spice and brambleberry jam notes, followed by flavors of raspberries, cherries and a touch of vanilla. Sweet cherries continue through the silky finish, rounded out with fine tannins.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The 2014 Washington State harvest proved to be spectacular with a record crop level and excellent quality. All factors needed for success came together perfectly: cool nights, lots of warm weather in the growing season, and rain limited mostly to the shoulder seasons. Harvest started the third week of August and wrapped in the second week of November. The crop across the state was heavy, yet bountiful with quality. Our vineyard team enjoyed weather that enabled them to pick at will, affording perfect flavor, acidity and sugar levels.

APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

VARIETAL BLEND

90% Merlot,
10% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARDS

Wallula, Goose Ridge,
Willow Crest

HARVEST DATE

Oct. 31–Nov. 15, 2014

PRODUCTION STATISTICS

TA: 5.8 g/L

RS: 1.1%

Alcohol: 13.98%

Cases Produced: 3,404

Yeast: Premier Cuvee

ML:100%

Oak: 20% American medium toast oak

Aged: 12 Months

Fining: None

Bottled: Oct. 15, 2015

