

Sagelands

Established in 1984, Sagelands embodies Washington State's winemaking legacy by sourcing the finest grapes from the four corners of the Columbia Valley and handcrafting them into wines of outstanding quality and value.

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MERLOT

2015 • COLUMBIA VALLEY

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 2015 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.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Wallula, Willow Crest, Canyon Vineyard, Reed

Known for its many and varied microclimates (cool, warm, windy, hilly, flat), Columbia Valley is the umbrella AVA under which many of the state's sub-AVAs fall. While it contains 99% of wine grapes grown in Washington State, 6,851 of its acres are unique to the Columbia Valley and don't overlap another sub-AVA in the state.

WINEMAKING

Harvest Date: *Sep. 21 – Nov. 18, 2015*

Varietal Blend: *82% Merlot, 10% Syrah, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon*

Oak & Aging: *Aged 12 months in 20% American Medium Oak*

PH: 3.87 TA: 4.83 g/L Alc. 13.99%

