

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

2017 • COLUMBIA VALLEY

TASTING NOTE

This rich, ripe Merlot opens with classic aromas of dark cherries, cedar, and cherry blossom notes, followed by flavors of dark berries and a hint of vanilla. A touch of spicy oak completes the finish, accentuated by refined tannins.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

After warmer and larger than average harvests in previous years, the 2017 Washington State growing season and harvest were far more typical of the region. A west spring led to a dry, warm summer, allowing for excellent fruit development in our vineyards. By harvest time, our fruit showed phenolic ripeness with an ideal balance between sugar, acids and tannin in the fruit skins, making for a fine 2017 vintage from Washington. Harvest began during the second week of August and came to a final close during mid-November. The crop across the state was bountiful with quality. Our vineyard team enjoyed the cool weather that enabled them to pick at will, affording the perfect flavor.

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: *October – November 2017*

Varietal Blend: *98% Merlot, 2% Malbec*

PH: 3.70 TA: 4.93 g/L Alc. 13.93%

