



MERLOT

columbia valley | vintage 2022

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MERLOT AT BARNARD GRIFFIN —

Merlot in Washington is big, rich wine. Dense, powerful and not to be taken lightly.

VINTAGE 2022 —

A wet, late spring, a torrid summer, a perfect fall.

Harvest began 25 full days later than recent years on September 12th. This is about the time nature and providence shined upon us with a beautifully warm and gentile autumn. Whites were generally afforded extra hang time for flavor development without excessive sugar and depleted acid, almost perfect balance to be very authentic Washington wines. Reds were similarly well composed with ample sugar and enhanced character from additional time on the vine. Rich and balanced reds of excellent potential.

TECH NOTES —

VINEYARD SELECTION

Black Rock Vineyard | YAKIMA VALLEY
Winebau Vineyard | COLUMBIA VALLEY
Lonesome Spring Ranch | YAKIMA VALLEY

BLEND

83% Merlot
7% Syrah
5% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Petit Verdot

WINEMAKING

PH - 3.79
TA - .67
RS - <1G/L
FULL ML

FERMENTATION

Pumpovers two times daily, pressed at 2-6% sugar; peak fermentation temperature 85°F

FINISHING

11 months — 15% new French oak
85% neutral barriques

3400 CASES PRODUCED - ABV 13.8%

TASTING NOTES —

Offers up beguiling scents of red fruit, baking spices and toasted oak alongside cherry reduction and blackberry flavors.

Full-bodied and concentrated yet youthful, complex and balanced.

Very flavorful with a bright finish.

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