

WATERBROOK

Melange

• 2014 •

FOUNDER'S RED BLEND

COLUMBIA VALLEY



VINTAGE NOTE

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.

TASTING NOTE

A burst of cherries introduces a beautiful red blend laden with clove spice, mocha, burnt sugar, blueberries, vanilla bean and ripe red fruits. Medium bodied but bigger than the 2013 vintage. Cherry pie and whisky barrel notes provide a lingering finish. Pair this versatile, food-friendly wine with anything from macaroni and cheese to grilled bison steaks.

WINEMAKING

Yeast: Andante, Pasteur Red, Vivache

ML: 100%

Oak: 20% New American Oak

Aged: 11 months

TA: 5.9 g/l **PH:** 3.82

RS: 0.7 g/l

Fining: None

Alcohol: 14.4%

Bottled: October 22-27, 2015

Cases Produced: 11,865

Vinyards: Oasis, Waterbrook,

Art Den Hoed, Pepper Bridge,

Canoe Ridge Vineyard,

Alder Ridge, Froll, Willow Crest

Variety Percentage: 45% Merlot,

20% Cabernet Sauvignon,

13% Cabernet Franc, 7% Sangiovese,

6% Petit Verdot, 5% Syrah,

3% Zinfandel, 1% Tempranillo