

WATERBROOK

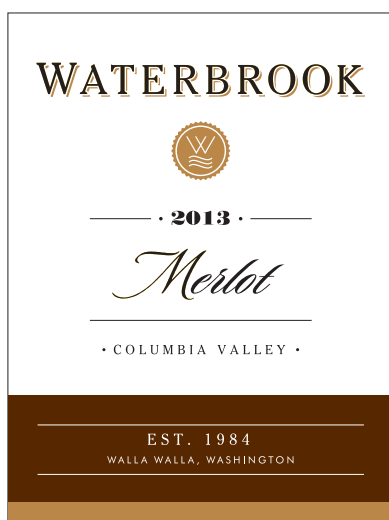


• 2013 •

Merlot

COLUMBIA VALLEY

*A wine that brings the best characteristic of Washington Merlot. Big and bold,
the fruit development marries wonderfully with oak nuances.*



TASTING NOTE
by Winemaker
JOHN FREEMAN

Floral potpourri and black pepper aromatics introduce flavors of leather and ripe fruit flavors. Balanced acids keep the wine clean and refreshing without astringency. Its medium-bodied viscosity and mature tannins are complemented by a lingering, flavorful finish of Marionberry and sweet oak.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Canyon Vineyard Ranch, Willard, Waterbrook Estate

BLEND

100% Merlot

VINTAGE NOTE

The warmest vintage in a decade, 2013's growing season cooled off just in time for harvest, and picking proceeded at a normal pace starting at the end of August. Total tonnage, approximately 220,000 tons, was up easily five percent over 2012, a record for Washington State. With a warm 2013 vintage, growers spread out canopies a bit more than usual and adjusted crop sizes to achieve a good balance of acidity and phenolic ripeness. Mother Nature made picking advantageous; varieties reached ripeness at different times, allowing crews a well-phased, thoughtfully-planned harvest. As the Chardonnay harvest slowed, Riesling picked up. Red harvests started with Merlot and Syrah, phasing to Cabernet Sauvignon and others. A minor hot-to-cool temperature swing in mid-September suggests that Washington red wines will come with ripe flavors, moderate alcohol levels and vivid acidity.

WINE MAKING NOTES

Harvest Date: 9/19/13 - 10/31/13

Yeast: Pasteur Red, Premier Cuvee

Malolactic: 100%

Oak: 19% New American oak;
balance, 2–5 year old mixed oak

Aging: 13 months

Fining: None

T/A: .54

PH: 3.67

RS: 0.07%

Alcohol: 13.25%

Bottled: December 13–16, 2014

Cases Produced: 5,000

FOOD PAIRINGS

Grilled Steak with Portabella Mushrooms, Rosemary Pork Chops, Pasta with Red Sauce.

New Release