

# WATERBROOK



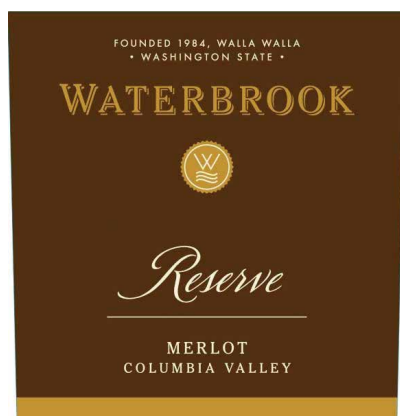
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## Reserve

MERLOT

COLUMBIA VALLEY

*A developed wine that demonstrates why Washington is recognized as a top Merlot producer.  
Supple flavors will keep you reaching for another glass.*



TASTING NOTE  
by Winemaker  
JOHN FREEMAN

Aromas and flavors of raspberry and white chocolate give a burst of red fruit on the palate, followed by a long toasty oak finish. Medium, well-supported tannins are very balanced with bright acidity. The alcohol gives this wine perfect weight and a slight sweetness.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Canyon Vineyard Ranch, Mirage, Pepper Bridge

BLEND

96% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE NOTE

The 2012 vintage, while starting off with a stunning resemblance to 2011, finished off the season well: average heat accumulation and cumulative precipitation. Most bud break occurred in early April. Although overall precipitation for 2012 was slightly above normal, it was not evenly distributed over the growing season. August saw low humidity, low precipitation, and high temperatures which kicked off berry ripening. 2012 brought medium sized berries, concentrated colors and intense flavors.

### WINE MAKING NOTES

**Harvest Date:** September 19-October 11, 2012

**Yeast:** Pasteur Red

**Malolactic:** 100%

**Oak:** 24% New Oak  
(85% AO, 15% FO)  
balance to 2-4 year old barrels

**Aging:** 24 months

**Fining:** None

**T/A:** 5.9 g/l

**pH:** 3.60

**RS:** 0.2g/l (dry)

**Alcohol:** 13.6%

**Bottled:** October 23-24, 2014

**Cases Produced:** 3441

**Release Date:** February 2015