

# WATERBROOK

WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

• 2015 •

# Merlot

COLUMBIA VALLEY

## VINTAGE NOTE

The 2015 Washington state harvest will go down in history as the vintage where parts of the state persevered above irrigation restrictions, several 100-degree days, and a few late-season regional wildfires that spared growers from any problems. It will also be noted as the year with a record surge in growing degree days, a harvest that started early and ended by mid-October, and a bounty that surpassed even the 227,000-ton record set during the 2014 Washington harvest. Fruit flavors from this harvest are concentrated and intense, with moderate berry size, excellent phenolic ripeness and balanced acidity.

Grape Source: Oasis, CVR, Pepper Bridge, Wallula

Variety Percentage: 100% Merlot

Harvest Date: Sept. 2 – Oct. 6, 2015

## TASTING NOTE

Purple flower aromas are met with bright acid and balanced alcohol, bringing forward fruit flavors of red delicious apple and sweet pomegranate. A subtle finish of mixed fruit and charred cedar rounds out this full-bodied wine.

## WINEMAKING

Yeast: Andante

Oak: 20% new Oak

Aged: 11 months

TA: 5.3g/l      PH: 3.65

RS: 0.91 g/l

Fining: None

ML: None

Alcohol: 13.75%

Bottled: Sept. 12–14, 2016

