

WATERBROOK



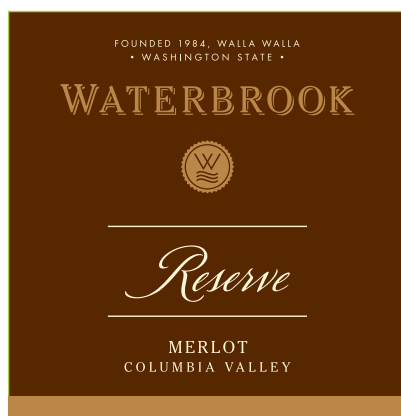
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Reserve

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

Chocolate and raspberry aromatics marry with an earthiness to deliver red fruit flavors and elegant tannins in this beautiful Columbia Valley Merlot. It finishes with burnt sugar, integrated oak and mouthwatering acidity.

VINEYARD SOURCES Mirage and Weinbau

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.

WINE MAKING NOTES

Harvest Date: Sept. 26-Oct. 17, 2013

Yeast: Pasteur Red, Premier Cuvee

Malolactic: 100%

Oak: 25% new oak (94% American, 6% French); rounded out by 2- to 5-year-old mixed oak

Aging: 22 months

Fining: None

T/A: 6.2 g/l

pH: 3.65

RS: 0.8 g/l (dry)

Alcohol: 14.14%

Bottled: Aug. 21, 2015

Cases Produced: 2,251

Release Date: Jan. 2016