

# WATERBROOK

WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

## *Reserve*

• 2014 •

MERLOT

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.

Grape Source: Mirage and Blackrock

Variety Percentage: 100% Merlot

Harvest Date: Sept. 18–22, 2014

### TASTING NOTE

Sweet and oaky aromatics with vanilla and burnt sugar fill the nose. A silky and weighted body features tanned leather and ripe but not overly sweet flavors of red plum, cherry and anise. The lingering finish showcases round tannins, toasty oak, allspice and boysenberry.

### WINEMAKING

Yeast: Andante, Pasteur Red

Oak: 28% New AO, 5% new FO,  
balance to 2<sup>nd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> use oak

TA: 5.6g/l PH: 3.68

RS: 0.63 g/l

Fining: None

ML: 100%

Alcohol: 13.89%

Bottled: June 15–16, 2016