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Reserve

2014 RESERVE MERLOT
PHEASANT RUN VINEYARD | WALLA WALLA VALLEY

GROWING SEASON

- ▶ After warmer than average 2012 and 2013 vintages, 2014 in Eastern Washington was one of the warmest seasons in decades with favorable temperature conditions extending into fall.
- ▶ Overall, 2014 was a pleasant growing season; ripening was excellent for all varieties in all locations.

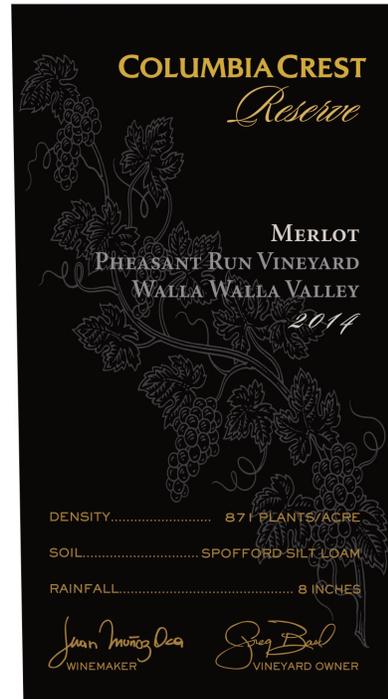
VINEYARDS

- ▶ With mesoclimates ranging from loess soils on gently sloping hillsides to gravel bottoms of ancient riverbeds, wines from the unique Walla Walla Valley AVA can be anything from fine-boned and elegant to broad and stout in structure.
- ▶ Pheasant Run vineyard is a small lot vineyard located in the southern region of the Walla Walla AVA.
- ▶ The Spofford silt loam soil at this vineyard site is excellent for growing grapes because it allows for superior drainage.

VINIFICATION

- ▶ Fruit was picked at the peak of ripeness, destemmed, sorted and placed into stainless steel tanks. A twice-daily pumpover regime was used to extract color and flavors.
- ▶ When the desired tannin structure was achieved, the wine was drained away from the skins and placed into half new oak and half neutral oak for malolactic fermentation. Aging occurred for 16 months.

- APPELLATION ▶ WALLA WALLA VALLEY
- VINEYARDS ▶ PHEASANT RUN VINEYARD
- BLEND ▶ 100% MERLOT
- ALCOHOL ▶ 15.0%
- TA ▶ 0.61 G/100ML
- PH ▶ 3.82
- CASES CRAFTED ▶ 566



TASTING NOTES

"Aromas of toasted oak and rose petals give way to tart red fruit notes on the palate that mingle with bittersweet chocolate on the finish."

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