

# SEVEN FALLS CELLARS

## 2014 MERLOT

### *Wahluke Slope*

Seven Falls was inspired by a series of seven waterfalls that once flowed along the Columbia River through what is now known as the Wahluke Slope.

#### VINTAGE

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

The Wahluke Slope is nestled above the Columbia River in south-central Washington. With one of the warmest and driest climates in Washington state and sandy loam soil in the vineyards, the terroir in this historical region is perfect for creating big, bold wines with outstanding structure.

#### VINIFICATION

- Grapes were sourced from four select vineyards in the Wahluke Slope AVA, all bringing their own distinct characteristics to the final blend. Indian Wells and Mrachek vineyards bring lighter, smoother tannins and red fruit. Jones vineyards bring bold, sweet tannins and dark fruit. Mattawa vineyards bring high acid, bright fruit and structured tannins.
- The final blend was put together very early just as fermentation was finishing. This allowed the whole blend to marry and age together in harmony.
- The wine was barrel aged in 37% new oak for 18 months in 34% French Oak and 66% American Oak.

#### TASTING NOTES

“The Seven Falls Merlot is complex and layered, filled with bright cherry, blackberry, black currant and herbs. This wine is juicy and full bodied with hints of cocoa and a rich, silky mouthfeel. It has softer tannins which enhance the flavors of milder foods.” - *Doug Gore, Winemaker*

#### FOOD PAIRINGS

Grilled Salmon, Hearty Pastas, Grilled Flank Steak with Peppercorns



#### TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION: Wahluke Slope  
VINEYARDS: Mrachek, Jones,  
Indian Wells,  
Mattawa Vineyards  
BLEND: 100% Merlot,  
TA: 0.50 g/100mL  
PH: 3.75  
ALCOHOL: 14.5%

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