



COLUMBIA VALLEY

2016 Grand Estates Merlot

VINTAGE NOTES

- The 2016 vintage experienced the best of both worlds with a hot spring and early summer.
- The early dry and warm spring, combined with cooler temperatures in August and September, slowed down ripening and resulted in the longest harvest on record.
- Overall, 2016 saw very favorable growing conditions, producing wines with nicely resolved tannins and maturity.

VINEYARD NOTES

- Fruit was sourced from premier vineyard sites throughout the Columbia Valley, including the Horse Heaven Hills and the Wahluke Slope.
- This region is mostly dry with less precipitation due to the rain shadow effect from the surrounding Cascade Mountain range.
- Vineyards are 100% drip irrigation. This, combined with the low water-holding capacity of the soil, allow for precise control of the vines.

RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRINGS

- Pair this wine with blue cheese, duck, beef, veal and dark chocolate.

TASTING NOTES

This Merlot has a rich aromatic profile with notes of chocolate and dark cherries. The complex fruit flavors are followed by a smooth, velvety finish.

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

BLEND:

Merlot, and a small amount of other Red Varietals