



## WALLA WALLA VALLEY

## 2016 Reserve Merlot Seven Hills Vineyard

## VINTAGE NOTES

- The 2016 vintage experienced the best of both worlds. A cooler than normal end of the ripening season allowed the wines to have ripeness, yet maintain freshness and elegance.
- 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 in Washington State.
- Overall, 2016 saw very favorable growing conditions, producing wines with nicely resolved tannins and maturity.

## VINEYARD NOTES

- Wines from the unique Walla Walla Valley AVA can be anything from fine-boned and elegant to broad and stout in structure.

## WINEMAKING NOTES

- Fruit was handpicked at the peak of ripeness, destemmed, sorted and placed into stainless steel tanks for primary fermentation.
- Twice-daily pumpovers during fermentation occurred for 6-10 days to aerate the wine and enhance aromatics and bouquet.

## TASTING NOTES

“This is an aromatic, fruit forward Merlot that opens with notes of red plum and raspberry which give way to clove and hints of rosemary. The palate is refined, structured yet delicate.” – Laura Sorge

ALCOHOL: 14.3%

BLEND: 100% Merlot

CASE PRODUCTION:  
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