BLOCK 9
MERLOT
COLUMBIA VALLEY
2020

LIMITED RELEASE UP TO **1583**
TOTAL CASES

Holly Wells
HOLLY WELLS WINEMAKER

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TA: 0.58 g/100 mL

PH: 3.76

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

BLEND: 84% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Syrah

CASE PRODUCTION:
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VINTAGE NOTES

- Slightly warmer than average winter temperatures proceeding the 2020 growing season resulted in little to no vine damage with normal bud break.
- Warm spring temperatures created excellent conditions for canopy growth and early fruit development.
- A mild summer with very few periods of excessive heat and cooler fall temperatures created ideal conditions for developing beautiful fruit flavors and aromas.

VINEYARD NOTES

- 88% of the fruit was sourced from the Wahluke Slope, one of the warmest regions in Washington state that creates big and bold wines.
- The Wahluke Slope is bordered on both the west and the south by the Columbia River and to the north by the Saddle Mountains.
- The remaining fruit was sourced from vineyards in the Rattlesnake Hills, Horse Heaven Hills and Columbia Valley.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- Grapes were destemmed and sorted with a cutting-edge grape receiving and separation system designed to gently deliver fruit to the fermenters.
- Each individual fermentation tank is tasted daily to evaluate the development of the tannins and structure.
- Aged for 18 months in 44% new French oak and 56% neutral oak.

TASTING NOTES

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