



TA: 0.53 g/100 mL

PH: 3.83

ALCOHOL: 14.6%

BLEND: 100% Merlot

CASE PRODUCTION:
1573

COLUMBIA VALLEY

2021 Limited Release "The Nod" Merlot

VINTAGE NOTES

- 2021 was a very warm growing season which resulted in intensely concentrated flavors in the wines.
- Our typical cool nights during harvest helped us retain the wonderful natural acidity Washington is known for.
- The season produced red wines dark in color and dense in concentration and white wines with varietal character and bright vibrancy.

VINEYARD NOTES

- 30% of the grapes are from our Canoe Ridge Estate Vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills, providing velvety texture.
- 48% of the fruit is from Dead Canyon Vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills, known for its distinctive aromatics.
- Fruit from select vineyards across the Columbia Valley round out the blend.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- A cutting-edge sorting system gently removed any green material from the grapes, allowing for pure varietal expression and soft mouthfeel.
- Daily gentle pumpovers were used to extract optimal flavor and color and minimize harsh tannins.
- Frequent aerative racking takes place during barrel aging to soften tannins and enhance mouthfeel. Aged 18 months in 20% new French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

“One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.” – William Shakespeare. Wine is often the connection that brings people together; and this Merlot is no exception. Vibrant and velvety, the decadent dark fruit and elegant structure will draw you in and keep you coming back for another sip. - Lacey Steffey, Winemaker