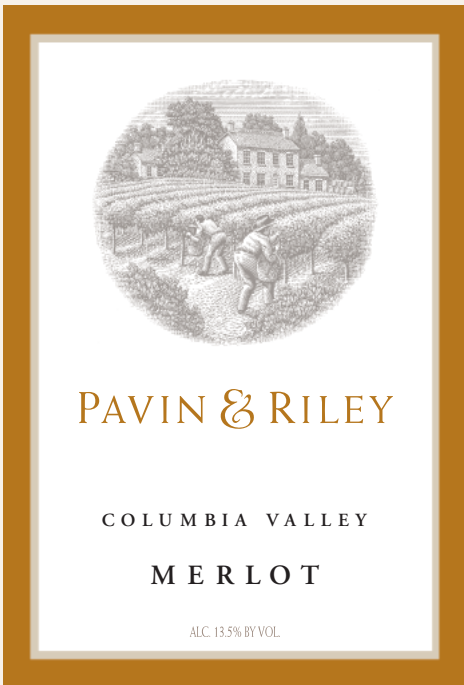




PAVIN & RILEY

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The Pride of the Family



COLUMBIA VALLEY

The Columbia Valley first began growing classic European grape varieties in the 1950s but it was the rich, supple Columbia Valley Merlots of the early 1990s that established Washington's penchant for the variety. Many consider Merlot to the Columbia Valley's signature grape. It thrives here under warm, sunny summer skies, and the area's low annual rainfall (typically 6 - 8" annually) allows vineyard managers to limit vine vigor which in turn concentrates flavors in the grapes.

VINTAGE NOTE

Columbia Valley's 2005 growing season brought the perfect combination of warm summer months, cool autumn temperatures and a mild winter. With moderate winter temperatures and a prolonged Indian summer the grapes were allowed extra hang time which developed robust Washington wine characteristics. The harvest resulted in high quality grapes with concentrated flavors.

TASTING NOTE

Smoke, blackberries and notes of cherry and hibiscus fill the nose of this dense purple wine. Smoky flavors continue on the front palate leading to black plums and cherries on the finish. The ripe tannins provide consistent weight and mouth feel through the mid palate and finish.

VARIETY BLEND

86% Merlot
14% Cabernet Franc

BOTTLING

TA: 0.50
pH: 3.37
Alcohol: 13.5%