



APEX CELLARS

2002 Merlot

Blend

76% Merlot
10% Cabernet Sauvignon
7% Cabernet Franc
6% Malbec
1% Petit Verdot

Bottling

pH: 3.65
TA: 0.7
Alc: 13.9%
RS: .10%
Harvest Brix: 24.89

Vineyard Source

Outlook
Willard
Elephant Mountain
Kestral

Apex Cellars is one of Washington's most respected wineries. Its three brands, Apex, Apex II, and Bridgman, cover the spectrum from reserve-caliber, vineyard-designate wines to wines that can be enjoyed every day. Apex Cellars has one of the state's most enviable records for awards per wine entered in local, regional or national competitions. All of the winery's brands have received glowing reviews from respected wine experts here and abroad.

TASTING NOTE

A beautiful dark ruby color in the glass, this Merlot radiates the varietal fruit that has made this grape a Washington standout. Sweet cherry is highlighted by oak spice, vanilla, and a hint of smoke, from the first whiff of the bouquet through the lush palate and soft finish. Round, supple tannins make this wine immediately enticing.

YAKIMA VALLEY

The sunny slopes of the Yakima Valley foothills provide the perfect growing conditions for producing intensely flavored, balanced and complex wines such as Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Riesling, and Syrah. Long sun-drenched days and cool evenings in this desert climate yield bold, hearty, and luscious world-class wines.