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2007

MERLOT

## COLUMBIA VALLEY

Washington's success with vinifera grapes is due in large measure to the state's unique geography. The vineyards are planted on the east side of the Cascade Mountains which serve to protect the region from marine weather off the Pacific coast and limit rainfall to just 60 inches annually. Low rainfall and free-draining soils allow vineyard managers to control vine vigor in order to promote flavor development in the grapes. Warm daytime temperatures ripen fruit to perfection. Cool autumn nights protect the grapes natural acidity.

## TASTING NOTE

Deep and dark in color, with inviting aromas of cherry and licorice, the lively berry fruit flavors touched with spicy oak make this wine a complex and delectable charmer.

## BLEND

82% Merlot  
6% Caberbet Sauv  
4% Malbec  
4% Syrah  
4% Caberbet. Franc

## BOTTLING

pH: 3.57  
TA: 0.56 g/mL  
Alc: 13.5%