

# BRIDGMAN . . .

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2008

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

Clear, medium intensity, ruby red color. Baked red cherry, ripe plums, tart raspberry and sweet vanilla/spice aromas and flavors are jam packed in this extreme-value Merlot. The tannins are soft and silky; the acid deftly balanced. Crowd pleaser!

## BLEND

100% Merlot

## BOTTLING

pH: 3.58

TA: 0.55 g/mL

Alc: 13.5%

## VINEYARDS

Canyon Ranch

Les Collines

Alder Ridge