## Leonetti Cellar 1997 Merlot

Columbia Valley

Our '97 Merlot is a deep red wine with a beautifully integrated nose of black fruits, vanillin and anise with toasted oak notes. This wine is very soft in the mouth but backed up with nice structure. A very rich wine, it has a finish that seems to go on for minutes. A classic Leonetti Merlot with good aging potential.

## Vineyards in this Wine

7-Hills Vineyard, Pepper Bridge Farms, Spring Valley Vineyards, and our Estate vineyard, all of Walla Walla Valley. Bacchus Vineyard (Sagemoor Farms), and Conner-Lee Vineyards of Columbia Valley.

## **Blending Detail**

Merlot 89.6%, Cabernet Franc 6.6%, Petit Verdot 2.6%, Cabernet Sauvignon 1.2%

## Oak Aging Profile

This wine was aged in a mix of new Hungarian, American, and French oak barrels.

Production of this Wine

One thousand, eight hundred and thirty-two cases.