Leonetti Cellar 1998 MerlotColumbia Valley

Perhaps as much as any other varietal, Merlot reflects the vintage from which it is produced, and 1998 is sure to go down as one of the finest vintages in the history of Washington wine. Our '98 Merlot Columbia Valley possesses an inky dark purple color. The nose is that of jammy ripe black and red dried fruits, chocolate, and oak-influenced vanillan. The mouthfeel is incredibly rich, soft, and fleshy, buttressed by long, fine-grained tannins. This is a compelling, Hedonistic wine with solid aging potential.

Vineyards in this Wine

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

Blending Detail

Merlot 90.8%, Cabernet Franc 5.2%, Petit Verdot 4.0%

Oak Aging Profile

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

Production of this Wine

One thousand, nine hundred and twenty cases.