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2007 Merlot

Walla Walla Valley

Vintage Notes

2007 sticks in my mind as the "perfect" year. Totally unremarkable for its lack of extremes. It was simply idyllic. Finishing with a cool August meant the Merlots – which are always first to harvest – came in with refreshing acid levels and overall perfect fruit chemistry.

Winemaker Notes

One of the most complex aromas I've ever seen on any Merlot. Exploding out of the glass are ripe red fruits, candle wax, violet and other floral aromas, caramel, graham crackers, and a puree of bramble fruits. On the second day a beautiful note of chocolate and coffee appear, along with a fantastic note of sweet earth and dust. The acid of the wine is very refreshing and balances the long, lush, soft mouthfeel. The wine has laser precision and is quite structured for Merlot-and while drinking great now, will reward a few years of aging.

Vineyards in this Wine

100% Walla Walla Valley
Seven Hills, Loess, Mill Creek Upland and Pepper Bridge

Aging Profile

Aged in new and second-fill French and American oak barrels for 16 months

Blending Detail

Merlot 93% Petit Verdot 7%

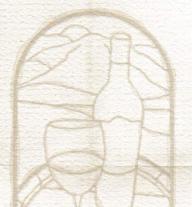
Production

2,389 cases

Winery Retail

\$70





Leonetti Cellar