



2012

# MERLOT

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

*The 2012 Merlot is one of my favorite vintages for Merlot – ranking along '08, '05, and '98. The wine is dark and saturated. In the glass, the wine explodes with an ethereal, complex nose of cinnamon, plum, pomegranate, clove, and a hint of spring pine forest. On the palate, the wine has delicious fresh ripe fruit, reminiscent of berry pie filling. Incredible richness but with a stunning levity that lifts. A dead ringer for some of the finest Pomerol I have ever tasted. Quite simply an incredibly sexy, hedonistic wine.*

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#### TASTING NOTES

VINEYARDS IN THIS WINE  
Loess  
Seven Hills  
Mill Creek Upland  
Leonetti Old Block

AGING PROFILE  
Aged 14 months in  
new and neutral French  
oak puncheons and  
neutral French oak botti

BLENDING DETAIL  
Merlot 85%  
Cabernet Sauvignon 8%  
Cabernet Franc 5.5%  
Petit Verdot 1.5%

PRODUCTION  
1859 cases

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