



2017  
**MERLOT**  
 WALLA WALLA VALLEY

*This Merlot beautifully illustrates why 2017 is quickly becoming one of my favorite vintages. A dominant note of ripe bramble fruit and cream explodes from the glass, as if raspberries and blackberries were reduced on the stove and then poured hot over homemade vanilla ice cream. Secondary notes add just a touch of cocoa powder. In my opinion, Walla Walla Valley Merlot is about purity and precision of fruit, and this wine delivers that in spades. The subtle and seamless tannins are not heavy on the palate, but clean and pure. The finish is both rich and acid-laced, making it truly satisfying and refreshing.*

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TASTING NOTES

VINEYARDS IN THIS WINE  
 Loess  
 Mill Creek Upland  
 Leonetti Old Block

AGING PROFILE  
 15 months in new and  
 once-filled French oak  
 barrels and neutral  
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BLENDING DETAIL  
 94% Merlot  
 4% Cabernet Franc  
 2% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL  
 PERCENTAGE  
 14.5%

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