

BADGER MOUNTAIN

CERTIFIED ORGANIC VINEYARD

2009 Merlot

COLUMBIA VALLEY | NO SULFITES ADDED (NSA) ORGANIC

TASTING NOTES

The 2009 Merlot is both complete and profound. It runs the perfect balance of fruit and structure, with bright fresh picked raspberry flavors enhanced by sweet baking spices of cardamom and nutmeg. These are accented by cola, Bing cherries and a toasty suppleness that lingers on your palate in an intense and structured finish.

BLEND/VINEYARD INFO

100% Certified Organic Merlot

80% Badger Mountain Vineyard Estate Merlot, Columbia Valley

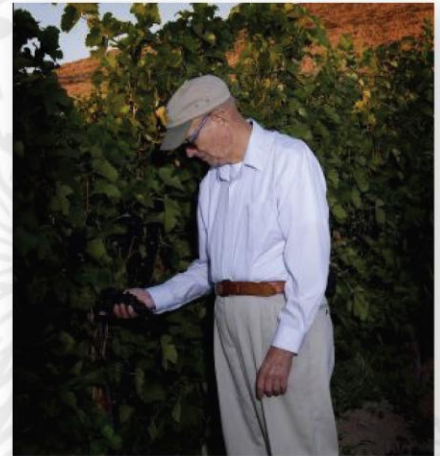
20% Pleasant Vineyard Merlot, Columbia Valley

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This year represented a great challenge for harvest. The cool weather conditions in the spring left the grapes crying for the heat of summer, which came slightly late, but stayed just long enough. We were delighted that our estate vineyard could provide the majority of this blend, as we had the ability to monitor the vineyard for the perfect harvest date. We finally harvested the BMV merlot on October 16 at 25.8 brix and the Pleasant Vineyard merlot up the Yakima Valley on October 22 at 27.8 brix. The Badger Mountain Merlot is a combination of upright and “pump-under”(or cross tank) fermentation, that gives great color and flavor extraction with softer tannins. The Pleasant Merlot gives a hint of red fruit and aromatics and a touch of structure. The separate components spent 4 months in older French oak before being bottled in late May 2010.

TECHNICAL DATA

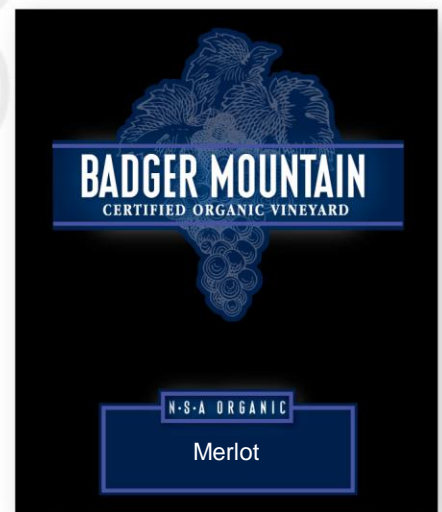
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| Release Date | 6.1.2010 | Acidity: | .060 |
| Alcohol: | 13.5% | pH | 3.80 |
| Residual Sugar: | 0.00 | Cases: | 2800 |



NATURAL PASSION.



RESPONSIBLE FARMING.



PURE WINE.