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2006 Meritage

TASTING NOTES

Vibrant cherries jubilee and vanilla bean on the nose, with caramel and spice adding complexity. Seductive layers of sweet raspberry are woven elegantly with bright cherry pie ala mode flavors. Finishes with elegance and impressive length that echo the succulent raspberry quality.

BLEND/VINEYARD INFO

30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 20% Petite Verdot, 20% Malbec, 10% Cabernet Franc
30% Coyote Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Wahluke Slope
20% Milbrandt Vineyard Merlot, Katherine Leone, Wahluke Slope
20% Alice Vineyard Petite Verdot, Columbia Valley
20% Gooseridge Vineyard Malbec, Columbia Valley
10% Badger Mountain Estate Vineyard Cabernet Franc, Columbia Valley

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

We envision Washington Red Wines to have a style that lies between New world and Old World. What that means to us is wines with mature fruit character, underlying structure, and a sense of where it is grown. Meritage is the wine we make for ourselves and it often tends to the old world side of the spectrum. In 2006, we had outstanding lots of the great Bordeaux red varietals, and we used these barrel select wines to achieve a balanced, layered and expressive blend that represents the very best we can offer. The winemaking team agrees it is the most complex vintage to date.



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2006 RESERVE

COLUMBIA VALLEY RED WINE

TECHNICAL DATA

Release Date: Alcohol: Residual Sugar:

4.1.2009 14.0% 0.00% Acidity: pH Cases: 0.63 3.83 247