



# POWERS

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## 2007 Merlot

### TASTING NOTES

Expressive and inviting with a complex array of dark brooding cherries, cassis and tobacco heightened by sweet violets. Captivating, with an energetic burst of fruit and earth that linger and dance in a “take no prisoners” party. The wines dense and juicy viscous texture and polished tannins animate the palate and leave you desirous of another sip and glass (or bottle).

### BLEND/VINEYARD INFO

97% Merlot, 3% Syrah

80% Katherine Leone, Milbrandt Vineyard Merlot, Wahluke Slope

12% Pleasant Vineyard Merlot, Columbia Valley

5% Sundance, Milbrandt Vineyard Merlot, Wahluke Slope

3% Cougar Vineyard Syrah, Wahluke Slope

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

With the extended hang time in 2007, dark fruit dominated in the warmer sites of Milbrandt's Katherine Leone and Sundance vineyards. The Pleasant Merlot from the cooler Yakima Valley provided some brighter red fruit tones and structure. The addition of 3% Syrah lifted the fruit character and mid palate. The Merlot components were put into 3 to 4 year old French Oak for 13 months to soften the mouthfeel without giving an overly oaky perception as our Merlot is often very sensitive to oak influence. Bottled in August of 2008.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Release Date:	12.1.2008	Acidity:	0.65
Alcohol:	13.5%	pH	3.78
Residual Sugar:	0.00	Cases:	1974