



2015 | BOOK CLUB SELECT MERLOT

YAKIMA VALLEY A.V.A.

From a long line of outstanding Merlots produced from Dionysus Vineyard, this ripe wine is great Washington Merlot. Full bodied and complex, the blend has the purity of fruit expressive of the hot vintage. Long lasting flavors in gentle tannins and freshening acidity complete our special selection of Merlot.

Clear dark ruby color and flowery fragrances of attractive fruit invite you to enjoy this young generous wine. Blended with Cabernet Franc and Cab Sauv, the Merlot shines with fruit and acidity to last decades of enjoyment.

VINTAGE

Vintage 2015 was hot and dry, like 2007, from late spring through to final days of harvest. Due to the early flowering and a hot June, vines produced tiny grapes. The small crop ripened early in the Fall with a high skin-to-juice ratio yielding black-colored wines dense with richness and tannin. 2015 in Washington is both lovely young and age worthy for decades with the density of glycerin, tannin and perfumed fruit.

WINEMAKING

The Merlot was hand picked in late August in the ripest and earliest harvest here ever. We hand sorted the clusters then destemmed into small fermenters for hand mixing. Hand mixed daily for two weeks on skins, fermentations finished primary ferment in traditional Bordeaux cooperage. We aged on lees reductively developing savory tones complimentary to the powerful fruit. After 16 months, we selected each barrel individually and blended for bottling, filtering for purity and aging stability. This rich wine will age for more than a decade and can be enjoyed with a host of foods throughout those seasons.

APPELLATIONS & VINEYARDS

Columbia Valley 100% | 90% Dionysus Vineyards
10% Conner Lee Vineyard

FINAL BLEND

85% Merlot
10% Cabernet Franc
5% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

Aged in 25% new
and 75% used
French barrels

CASES PRODUCED 195 12-pack cases/750mL

TECHNICAL DATA Bottled: Summer 2017 • Alcohol: 14.9% by volume • pH: 3.75 • RS: 1g/L

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