



2002 Merlot
Columbia Valley

Vintage Notes:

2002 was a terrific vintage perhaps most notable for its incredible lack of precipitation. We had beautiful weather for bloom resulting in full, even clusters. We then had our last rain of the season shortly there after the second week of June. It then didn't rain another drop until well after harvest. The weather throughout the growing season was wonderfully warm with only a few 100+ degree-days. Fruit throughout varieties ripened completely and evenly.

Winemaker notes:

Beautiful deep ruby color. Nose of roasted coffee, chocolate, smoke, caramel, and ripe red fruits. The mouthfeel of this wine is incredibly plush and smooth as only merlot can be. Finish with very persistent mouth coating glycerin

Vineyards in this Wine

75% Walla Walla Valley Vineyards. Consisting of: Seven Hills, Pepper Bridge, Mill Creek Upland, and Leonetti Estate vineyard. 25% Columbia Valley Vineyards, consisting of: Dionysus Vineyard (Sagemoor Farms), and Conner-Lee Vineyards.

Aging Profile

Aged in new French, American and Hungarian oak barrels for 13 months

Blending Detail

Merlot 80%, Sangiovese 7%, Cabernet Sauvignon 5%, Cabernet Franc 4%, Carmenere 4%.

Production

Three thousand and sixty three cases produced.

Winery Retail

\$55



Estate Vineyards

Leonetti Cellar

