



2003 Merlot
Columbia Valley

Vintage Notes:

Much like 2002, the 2003 vintage was incredible for it's lack of precipitation. While Eastern Washington normally has little growing season rain – to have vintages completely devoid of rain is quite unusual. In its' place was our usual glorious warming sunshine and refreshingly cool nights. Spring time bloom occurred without event, resulting in even set and eventual ripening. Due to consistent warm temperatures, harvest for Merlot came in two relatively early volleys, the 2nd-7th of September, and Sept. 20th-24th for our cooler sites.

Winemaker notes:

The year gave us wonderfully small berries full of color and concentrated flavor. The wine jumps from the glass with a brilliant, high-toned fruit nose of flowers, freshly cut fruit, and cherry liqueur backed with subtle, integrated spicy oak. This classic Leonetti Merlot presents soft but dense sweet fruit on the pallet as fully ripe, mellow tannins disappear into a long, seamless finish.

Vineyards in this Wine

83% Walla Walla Valley Vineyards: Seven Hills, Mill Creek Upland, Pepper Bridge and Leonetti Estate.

17% Columbia Valley Vineyards: Dionysus and Conner-Lee.

Aging Profile

Aged in new and second fill French and American oak barrels for 14 months

Blending Detail

Merlot 82%, Cabernet Sauvignon 7%, Cabernet Franc 4%, Carmenere 4%, Sangiovese 3%

Production

Two thousand, five hundred and seventy cases produced.

Winery Retail

\$60



Estate Vineyards

Leonetti Cellar

