



Basel Cellars
ESTATE WINERY

2013

MERRIMENT COLUMBIA VALLEY



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Merriment is our flagship wine here at Basel Cellars. Every year we walk our vineyards and select only the best fruit to craft this wine. Passionate viticulture, innovative wine making and state of the art equipment are the recipe for this classic Bordeaux - style blend. Ripe, intense fruit fermented separately in small lots and then aged gracefully in new French oak for 20 months. The most expressive and complex barrels from these lots were carefully chosen and then blended together prior to bottling.

On the nose this wine shows beautiful hints of dark berry fruit and toasty oak. Prominent notes of ripe cherry, leather and cedar will satisfy your senses after some precious time in your glass. You will also be greeted by a distinctive earthy element that makes for a balanced and intense aroma. The mouth feel is "sweet" and supple, with layered tannins and great acidity for structure. Dark fruit carries through on the palate and lingers on in the pleasant finish. This wine will even be more delightful with wild duck or pheasant, green bean stew or aged sheep's cheese. Enjoy!

TECHNICAL DATA

Vintage: 2013

Varieties: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, 17% Cabernet Franc

Vineyards: Phinny Hill, Double Canyon, Double River

Appellation: Columbia Valley

Oak: 100% French oak, 100% New

Alcohol: 14.9%

pH: 3.88

T.A. 5.2g/L

R.S. 0.2g/L

Production: 294 cases