



Basel Cellars
ESTATE WINERY

2013

MERLOT

WALLA WALLA VALLEY



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This wine is a true reflection of what Basel Cellars Merlot should be and expresses the exceptional terroir from Block 5 and 6 at Double River Vineyard. The warm days and cooler nights provided excellent ripening conditions during harvest and our Merlot showed balance, finesse and substance in the cellar. It was fermented in small batches which allowed us to have more control and a “hands-on” approach during the early stages of this wine’s development. It matured in French oak for 20 months and gained more complexity and structure during this time. Only the best barrels from Block 5 and 6 were selected and blended together for our Merlot.

Our Merlot showcases vivid aromas of plum, mixed herbs, boysenberry, mint and cassis on the initial bouquet. An intense and rich sensation of oak, along with herbal notes such as oregano, thyme and dried grass compliment the fruit-forward nose exceptionally well. With more time, noticeable hints of caramel, leather and walnut will add substantial complexity to the aroma. The palate is soft and velvety, with an outburst of ripe berry fruit carrying on throughout the finish. The silky tannins and toasty oak will linger between layers of dark fruits in your glass! This Merlot was made to complement a variety of foods and dishes such as tomato stew, grilled vegetables, Shepard’s pie with lamb or stuffed mushrooms. Enjoy!

TECHNICAL DATA

Vintage: 2013

Varieties: 100% Merlot

Vineyards: Double River

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Oak: 100% French Oak, 60% new

Alcohol: 15.2%

pH: 3.92

T.A. 5.2g/L

R.S. 0.2g/L

Production: 294 cases