

2012 **ESTATE MERRIMENT**

COLUMBIA VALLEY



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Our 2012 Merriment, the Flagship blend here at Basel Cellars, was proudly crafted from top tier blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Malbec. To give you a true reflection of our classic Bordeaux style blend old world traditions and techniques were practiced from the expressive terroir where these grapes were grown, to the selected French oak barrels, where they patiently matured in for 20 months.

Our 2012 Merriment shows expressive notes of ripe, red berry fruits, dried herbs and cassis on the vibrant nose. With a little time in the glass, hints of dark plum, violets and cedar will surprise and delight your senses. The mouth-feel is elegant, where bright fruit and toasty oak marry beautifully. Bright acidity rounds off the mouth-feel and endures for a long lingering finish through luscious layers of intense fruit. Our Merriment will pair well with hearty meals such us green bean stew with lamb, roasted duck with herb risotto and cheeses such us Aged Gouda and Gorgonzola. This wine can easily mature to perfection in your cellar for 5-10 years.

TECHNICAL DATA

Vintage: 2012

Varieties: 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 17%

Cabernet Franc, 8% Malbec

Vineyards: Phinny Hill, Wallula, Double River, Double

Canyon

Appellation: Columbia Valley **Oak:** 100% French oak, 80% New

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.78 **T.A.** 5.7g/L **R.S.** 0.2g/L

Production: 286 cases