



Basel Cellars
ESTATE WINERY

2012
MERLOT
WALLA WALLA VALLEY



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In 2012 we saw a long, warm summer followed by cool, crisp nights in the fall that brought forth exceptional ripening conditions during harvest. The result was stellar yields with tremendous quality, which gave us the opportunity to take a step back and let the fruit do the work. Once again, our Double River Merlot stood out with tons of personality and showed great promise at crush time. “Old World” techniques and natural practices were used to craft this estate-grown Merlot and it aged in our best French oak barrels. After 22 months, the best barrels were selected and blended and an exclusive amount of 88 cases was bottled.

Our Estate Merlot shows aromatic notes of ripe raspberry, cotton candy and red tea. It possesses a lovely perfume filled with berry fruit, pleasant oak and a touch of tobacco leaf. The bright berry fruit is very noticeable and prominent in the mouth feel as well, woven together with undertones of oak and soft tannins. The perfect amount of acidity, along with the expressive fruit, make this wine balanced enough to be enjoyed by itself or to pair with your special dish. Prime rib, roast leg of lamb and spaghetti with meatballs will enhance our Merlot even more! Enjoy!

TECHNICAL DATA

Vintage: 2012

Varieties: 100% Merlot

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Oak: 100% French oak 22 months

Alcohol: 15.2%

pH: 3.85

T.A. 5.5g/L

R.S. 0.2g/L

Production: 88 cases

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