

TENOR

2016 Merlot



The 2016 Tenor Merlot was crafted from several vineyards across three separate AVAs in Washington State: Columbia Valley, Red Mountain, and the Walla Walla Valley. Farmed using sustainable practices, the vines were limited to one or two clusters per shoot for maximum concentration. They were then hand-harvested in the early morning between late September and late October, with the final pick coming on October 28th, 2016. Upon arriving in the winery, each cluster was hand-sorted, berry-sorted, and then fermented in either stainless steel (81%) or concrete (19%) tanks. Using only the free-run wine, it was then moved to custom French oak barrels for 21 months of cellaring with over 40 individual evaluations by our winemaking team. The resulting 11 barrels were bottled, without fining or filtration, on August 13th, 2018, producing only 257 cases.

"The 2016 Merlot (100% Merlot aged in 91% new French oak) has a smoky, meaty bouquet of ripe bloody blueberry, currant, freshly sharpened pencils, wood smoke, and camphor. This ripe, medium to full-bodied effort has plenty of fruit, nicely balanced oak, ripe tannins and a good finish."

-92 points, Jeb Dunnuck, jebdunnuck.com

SELECT VINEYARDS

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| ① Columbia Valley AVA | Stillwater Creek Vineyard |
| ② Red Mountain AVA | Red Mountain Vineyard, Hedges Estate |
| ③ Walla Walla Valley AVA | Pepper Bridge |

Labeled AVA	Columbia Valley
Case Production	257
Varietal Breakdown	100% Merlot
Fermentation	81% stainless steel, 19% concrete
Aging	21 months in 91% new and 9% used French oak
Alcohol	14.4%
Drinkability	Now-2031
Retail	\$64

