TENOR

2023 Scarline Merlot



The 2023 Tenor Scarline Vineyard Merlot is a powerful, concentrated expression of the Royal Slope AVA. Grown on a rugged, limestone-veined ridge, this 100% Merlot delivers layers of dark plum, marionberry, dried rose, sage, and earthy minerality. Full-bodied and deeply structured, it reveals a more savory, commanding side of the variety.

After four vintages with their fair share of drama, 2023 was a welcome return to normal. Typical timing. Typical yields. Typical harvest dates. Boring? Maybe. We loved every minute of it. A steady growing season and cooler finish allowed the fruit to develop exceptional flavor, structure, and freshness without being rushed.

Hand-harvested in October, the wine underwent a 14-day fermentation in oak barrels, followed by more than 30 days in contact with the grape skins to build depth and texture. It then spent 23 months aging in 100% new oak, developing richness and complexity around its powerful tannin structure.

Bottled on September 8, 2025, just three barrels were produced, yielding 73 cases.

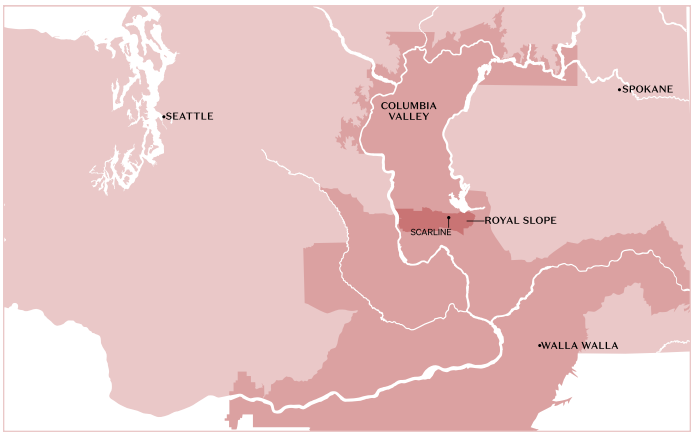
"The 2023 Tenor Scarline Vineyard Merlot from the Royal Slope asserts a rugged personality shaped by the limestone-rich soils of its origin. This expression pivots away from primary ripeness, opting instead for a profile defined by dried rose, marionberry, iron-like minerals, and dried sage that anchor its formidable, concentrated core. A deep garnet center leads to a slightly lighter rim, mirroring the wine's transition from a chalky, dense midpalate toward an expansive and savory finish. The structural integrity is driven by robust, muscular tannins that require time to fully soften into the wine's dark, earthy depth."

94 POINTS, JEREMY YOUNG, INTERNATIONAL WINE REPORT

SELECT VINEYARDS

ROYAL SLOPE AVA	SCARLINE VINEYARD

LABELED AVA	ROYAL SLOPE
VARIETALS	100% MERLOT
FERMENTATION	FERMENTED FOR 14 DAYS IN 100% OAK BARREL, FOLLOWED BY 30+ DAYS OF EXTENDED CONTACT WITH THE GRAPE SKINS.
AGING	AGED 23 MONTHS IN 100% NEW OAK.
ALCOHOL	14.8%
CASES	73
RETAIL	$145



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