



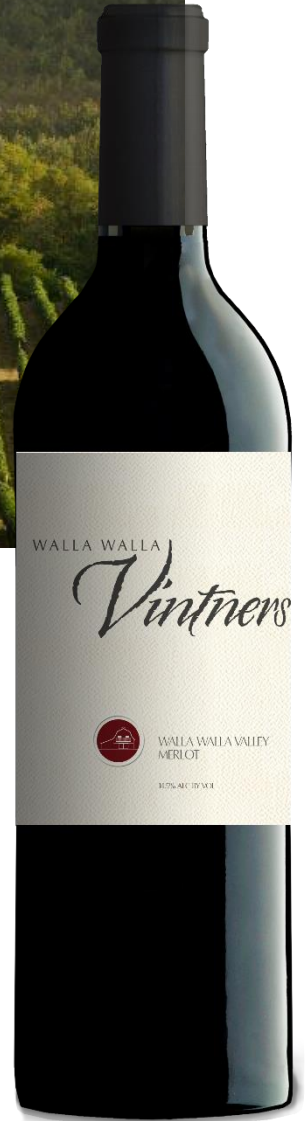
## 2016 Walla Walla Valley Merlot

A picture-perfect fall set the stage for this magnificent wine. The warm, sunny days were offset by cool, breezy nights. Flavors ripened and developed in the vineyard, while maintaining balanced sugar and acidity. The 2016 Merlot opens with wave upon wave of fruit, blackberry, black cherry and cassis, with undertones of cocoa powder, cola and just a hint of mint. Dripping with more black fruit on the palate, its supported by deft balance, integrated tannins showing just a touch of dust and a velvety mouthfeel, stretching through the lengthy finish.

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| <b>Varietal Composition</b> | 91% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Cabernet Franc   |
| <b>Vineyard</b>             | Cut Bank Estate, Seven Hills, Pepper Bridge, Dwelley, Yellow Bird, Windrow, & Lodmell Vineyards                 |
| <b>Acid</b>                 | 6.3 g/L   |
| <b>PH</b>                   | 3.71  |
| <b>Aging</b>                | 15 months in 40% new (25% French, 15% American) oak and 60% neutral oak barrels.                                |
| <b>Fermentation</b>         | An open top stainless steel tank, the cap was punched down four times a day, pumpovers with selected delestage. |
| <b>Alcohol</b>              | 14.2%   |
| <b>Case Production</b>      | 786 Cases   |

### Acclaim

Jeb Dunnuck, 90 pts



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