

Merlot

2014

Blend: 76% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.1% abv **TA:** 6.28 g/L **pH:** 3.74

Case Production: 833 cases

Date Bottled: 5/11/16

Grape Source(s):

Merlot - Les Collines Vineyard - Walla Walla Valley AVA, WA

Cabernet Sauvignon - Gilbert Vineyards - Horse Heaven Hills AVA

Aging: 18 months in barrel

100% New Pennsylvania American (special custom toast)

Winemaker Notes: While the Horse Heavens Hills and most of eastern Washington experienced one of the warmest vintages to date with no rain and unrelenting heat, the 2014 vintage in Walla Walla enjoyed a mild cooling trend in mid-August. This brief reprieve, coupled with modest fall temperatures, allowed for even ripening and acid retention. Our Merlot from Walla Walla was harvested at the end of September with perfect sugar, bold color development, and strong acids. We aged the wine in 100% new American oak barrels that were custom toasted for our winery to provide elegant tannins and showcase dark and toasty cocoa aromas. For an added layer, we blended in our ripe, vibrant, and structured Horse Heavens Hills Cabernet Sauvignon.

Tasting Notes: Lush mouthfeel with integrated oak, toasted vanilla, cherry, and cola.

Awards:

Platinum - 2019 Winepress Northwest Platinum Awards

Gold - 2019 Cascadia Wine Competition

Gold - 2018 Jefferson Cup Invitational Wine Competition

Gold - 2018 Global Wine Awards (91 Points)

Pairing Suggestions:

- Mediterranean lamb
- Grilled wagyu beef with blue cheese butter - Herb roasted chicken
- Cheese: Gouda, Havarti, and Monterey Jack

Price: \$24.00



CELLARDOOR
WINERY *Maine* 