

# Ned Said Red 2015

**Blend:**

64% Merlot  
33% Cabernet franc  
3% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Alcohol:** 14.2% **TA:** 5.46 g/L **Ph:** 3.86

**Case Production:** 866 Cases

**Date Bottled:** 5/10/16

**Grape Source(s):**

Merlot: Les Collines Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley AVA, WA  
Cabernet franc: 6 Prong Vineyard, Horse Heaven Hills AVA, WA  
Cabernet Sauvignon: Gilbert Vineyards, Horse Heaven Hills AVA, WA

**Aging:** 19 months in oak barrels  
42% new American - Pennsylvania  
25% new French  
33% used

**Winemaker Notes:** To create this blend, we like to start with Merlot and Cabernet franc, then work from there. While the 2015 vintage in Washington state was the hottest to date, mild conditions near harvest left us with wines that remained balanced and elegant. Our Merlot was harvested early from the Walla Walla Valley to retain fresh, lively aromatics, while our Cabernet franc was left to ripen longer to avoid typical green characteristics that are common for this variety. To this blend, we added a touch of our ripe Cabernet Sauvignon from Horse Heaven Hills. Robust fruit, moderate alcohol, and balanced acid are elegantly intertwined in this beautiful blend.

**Tasting Notes:** This Bordeaux inspired blend is fresh and aromatic with jammy black cherry and hints of tobacco.

**Awards:**

Gold - 2020 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition  
Gold - 2019 Critic's Challenge (91 Points)

**Pairing Suggestions:**

- Steak au poivre
- Roasted chicken in a mushroom jus
- Wild boar
- Lamb lollipop

**Price:** \$24.00



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