

# Prince Valiant 2015

**Blend:**

42% Cabernet Sauvignon

33% Malbec

25% Merlot

**Alcohol:** 13.7% abv **TA:** 6.11 g/L **pH:** 3.82

**Case Production:** 860 cases

**Grape Source(s):**

Cabernet Sauvignon: Gilbert Vineyards, Horse Heaven Hills AVA, WA

Malbec: Upland Vineyards, Snipes Mountain AVA, WA

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

**Aging:** 17 months in oak barrels

77% used French

23% used French/American hybrid

**Winemaker Notes:** Our Prince Valiant blends are inspired by American Meritage wines. Meritage first appeared in the late 1980s after a group of American vintners joined forces to create a name for New World wines blended in the tradition of Bordeaux. A Red Meritage is a blend of two or more of the red Bordeaux varieties (Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Merlot, Petit Verdot, and Carménère) with no one variety making up more than 90% of the blend. With one of the hottest vintages on record in Washington State, crafting a delicious Meritage blend full of ripe flavors and elegant aromatics was effortless. For this vintage, we decided to lean on Cabernet Sauvignon for a good structured base, while adding in both Malbec and Merlot for body and acidity.

**Tasting Notes:** This harmonious blend of 42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Malbec, and 25% Merlot has notes of maraschino cherry, cooking spice, plum, and vivid acidity.

**Awards:**

Double Gold - 2020 Wine Press Northwest

Gold - 2019 Cascadia Wine Competition

Gold - 2019 San Francisco International Wine Competition (90 Points)

**Pairing Suggestions:**

- Sirloin steak / Hanger steak
- Pork tenderloin
- Iberico ham
- Cheese: Taleggio or Manchego

**Price:** \$20.00

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