



# POWERS

2016

Merlot

Columbia Valley

#### TASTING NOTES

Diverse layered aromatics of bright cherry, blackberries, and cedar lead into a touch of tart red fruit on the nose. With dense flavors of cassis, dark cherry, and fresh-cut herbs that linger on the complex palate, this wine has lush approachable tannins that are balanced by a nice touch of oak and spice on the finish.

#### BLEND/VINEYARD INFO

##### 100% Merlot

80% Clifton Bluff Merlot, Wahluke Slope

14% Champoux Vineyard Merlot, Horse Heaven Hills

5% Michael's Vineyard Merlot, Wahluke Slope

#### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Washington is known for having world class Merlot, and this bottling is no exception. With the three vineyard sites harvested from mid-September to early October, the fruit achieved maximum ripeness while maintaining great acidity in this extended growing season. The Michael's Vineyard Merlot was fermented in a stainless-steel upright fermenter while the Clifton Bluff was fermented in our rotary fermenter to manage the tannin structure of the fruit coming from the Wahluke Slope. Champoux Vineyard Merlot is treated to our pump under fermenter for softer extraction. We used PDM yeast on all lots then completed malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks. Jose then aged 10% of the blend in 2<sup>nd</sup> use French Oak barrels, 40% in 3<sup>rd</sup> fill, with the other 50% in neutral use French Oak barrels for 28 months.

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Release Date: Sept 19, 2019	Alcohol: 13.5
Residual Sugar: Dry	Acidity: 0.65
pH 3.80	Cases: 999



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