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**2006 Merlot**  
Columbia Valley  
Washington State

- 82% Merlot
- 9% Cabernet Sauvignon
- 9% Cabernet Franc
- 73% Horse Heaven, 27% Red Mountain

Our 2006 Merlot won best of Varietal at the local Tri-Cities Wine Festival. It has all of the characteristics of a great Merlot - lovely bright fruit, medium weight structure, silky tannins and a pleasing finish that leaves one wanting more. A wine with this structure makes an excellent food wine. We hope you enjoy it!

The grapes for this wine were handpicked and handsorted to ensure that only the best grapes were used. We fermented the fruit in small open-top containers no taller than they are wide to extract greater flavor and color by having more juice in contact with the grape skins. After gently pressing the wine from the skins the wine aged in small oak barrels for twenty months. During barrel aging we gravity raked the wine off its lees with a siphon. Separate lots were blended and bottled in the summer of 2008.

We produced 296 cases