



WOODWARD CANYON

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2014 COLUMBIA VALLEY MERLOT

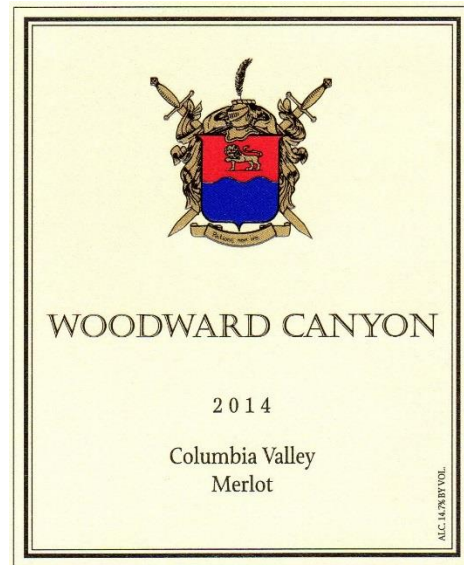
Varietal Composition: 93% merlot
4% cabernet sauvignon
2% cabernet franc
1% petit verdot

Bottling Date: November 16, 2016

Alcohol 14.7 % by Volume

Release Date: September 2017

Production: 394 cases 750 ml



Vineyards:

Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard 88% and Weinbau Vineyard 12%

Vintage Specific Characteristics:

This 2014 Columbia Valley Merlot was produced from grapes grown at Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard (LIVE certified sustainable and Salmon Safe) at the western edge of the Walla Walla Valley and at Weinbau Vineyard located above the Columbia River in central Washington. These mature south facing vineyards are now 20 years average age, are comprised predominantly of silt loam and sandy loam soils respectively, and are very well drained. The 2014 vintage was perfect for merlot with harvest starting the 3rd week in September.

Production Notes and General Characteristics:

This Merlot was pumped over and/or punched down by hand two times per day in small stainless steel tanks. After pressing, settling, and racking the various lots were moved to French barrels for aging and maturation. After crush, this wine was assembled and on November 16, 2016 was bottled and laid down in our cellars for additional development. The wine shows beautifully, with rich high toned fruit, balanced acidity and great proportion. Complex flavors of cherry, spice, coffee and earth are enticing. Notes of black cherry, spiced oak, leather and earth come forth in the aroma. This wine is generous and balanced enough to enjoy now, yet with the complexity and structure to age well for six years or more.

Reviews:

Wine Spectator, 2017

Trim and focused, with elegantly layered notes of red currant, tobacco and spice that linger toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2022. 90
