

## 2014 Estate Merlot Walla Walla Valley

**90+ points** - Stephen Tanzer, *Vinous*, October 2017

*"(60% from Ferguson and 40% from Seven Hills): Healthy red-ruby. Higher-pitched on the nose than the Columbia Valley Merlot, offering aromas of blackberry, violet, minerals and licorice complemented by bitter chocolate and cedar from the oak. Suaver and sweeter on entry than the basic Merlot, then more serious, dense and chey in the middle palate. This very rich, structured blend really clamps down on the persistent finish today and calls for patience."*

– Stephen Tanzer

**90 points**, *The Wine Advocate*, [www.RobertParker.com](http://www.RobertParker.com), June 2017

*"The 2014 Walla Walla Merlot (80% Merlot and 10% each of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc) is another terrific red that shines for its sheer drinkability. Chocolate, dark fruits, leafy herbs and hints of earth all appear in this impressively concentrated, rounded, textured beauty. It's superb today, but will drink nicely for at least 6-7 years."* – Jeb Dunnuck

**90 points** – *Wine & Spirits*, October 2017, [www.wineandspiritsmagazine.com](http://www.wineandspiritsmagazine.com)

*"This warm-vintage merlot has a dusty cherry scent and just a hint of that classic tobacco-leaf savor found in many Walla Walla bottlings. The flavors of spiced plum meet dark, firm tannins. Decant it to serve with tri-tip."* – Patrick J. Comiskey

**88 points** – *Wine Enthusiast*, November 2017, [www.winemag.com](http://www.winemag.com)

*"This combines fruit from Ferguson (60%) and Seven Hills vineyards to deliver barrel spice, clove, raspberry and mineral scents. The palate is medium bodied and full of chey, slightly dry tannins. The oak shows prominently at present, needing more time in bottle to integrate."* – Sean Sullivan

**18.5+/20 points** - Rand Sealey's Review of Washington Wines, May 2017, [www.reviewofwashingtonwines.com](http://www.reviewofwashingtonwines.com)

*"Composed of 60% Ferguson Estate and 40% Seven Hills Estate, this is an attractively styled Merlot (with 10% each of Cabernets Sauvignon and Franc). It displays a brilliant ruby color and enticing aromas of blackberry, cherry and pomegranate, with scents of black roses, tobacco, cedar and clove. The flavors are supple and slightly grainy, intermixed with licorice, dark cocoa, French roast and basalt and loess minerals. The back reveals sensations of pressed berries, roasted nuts, kirsch, graphite and light oak (40% new French), followed by a ripe tannin finish that is lifted by fine fruit acids. The balance gives it a plus."* – Rand Sealey

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### Medals & Competitions

**Bronze** – Seattle Wine Awards, 2017