

# BERESAN

## 2012 Merlot

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### Tasting Notes

The 2012 Merlot opens with dark raspberry, Rainier cherry, blackberry and spice box. Notes of currants and ripe red fruits lead into cedar and graphite and finish with soft tannins and “Rocks District” minerality.

### Production Notes

Our 2012 Merlot was harvested from our estate Waliser Vineyard and was a blend of 85% Merlot and 15% Syrah from the Yellow Jacket Estate to achieve the idea balance of fruit and acidity

### Vineyards

- Waliser Estate, Walla Walla Valley
- Yellow Jacket Estate, Walla Walla Valley

### Winemaking

- Picked early in the morning
- Small lot fermentations in stainless steel tanks
- The cap was manually punched down twice a day
- The wine was blended and aged for 21 months in French Oak barrels, 30% of which were new, and 70% of which were neutral
- Cross flow filtration prior to bottling

### Vintage

- The 2012 season started out with mild weather during bud break and spring growth.
- Bloom period was warm and consistent for great fruit development
- Consistent September with cool nights produced richly structured wines,ripe flavors that retained high natural acids.
- Harvest was very quick, starting on September 12th through 20th



### Wine Data

Appellation ..... Walla Walla Valley  
Varietal ..... Merlot  
Composition .....85% Merlot, 15% Syrah  
Vineyard .....Waliser Estate  
.....Yellow Jacket Estate  
Vintage ..... 2012

### Technical Notes

pH .....3.76  
Total Acidity ..... 6.0 g/L  
Alcohol ..... 14.5%  
Harvest Date .....Sept. 12th-20th, 2012  
Bottling Date .....August 18th, 2014  
Production ..... 230 cases



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