

BALBOA

2014 Merlot

Tasting Notes

Opens with enticing aromas of ripe raspberry, plum, and cherry with hints of crushed roses and French roast coffee. On the palate flavors of blackberry, plum and spiced cherries are balanced upon dark chocolate, licorice and minerality with a ripe tannin finish.

Production Notes

A 100% varietal Merlot sourced from Summit View Vineyard, a higher elevation site at the southern end of the Walla Walla Valley

Vineyards

- Summit View Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley

Winemaking

- Hand harvested grapes
- Picked early in the morning
- Small lot fermentations in stainless steel tanks
- The cap was manually punched down twice a day
- The wine was aged for 14 months in French Oak barrels
- Cross flow filtration prior to bottling

Vintage

- A very consistent vintage very similar to 2013.
- Bud break started in early-mid April with bloom in early June again slightly early for Washington.
- August temperatures were slightly cooler allowing for a longer hang-time with good yields.
- Consistent September with cool nights produced richly structured wines,
ripe flavors that retained high natural acids.
- Harvest started on September 4th lasting through the end of October.

The Balboa logo is rendered in a large, bold, red, distressed font with a slight shadow effect, set against a white background within a black-bordered box.

MERLOT
2014
WALLA WALLA VALLEY

Wine Data

Appellation.....Walla Walla Valley
Varietal..... Merlot
Composition.....100% Merlot
Vineyards.....Summit View Vineyard
Vintage..... 2014

Technical Notes

pH.....3.68
Total Acidity6.5 g/L
Alcohol..... 14.3%
Harvest Date.....9/17
Bottling Date..... May 2nd, 2016
Production 98 cases