

## 1999 Seven Hills Vineyard Merlot Walla Walla Valley Appellation

### Awards and Acclaims

#### Wine & Spirits

Score: 94 points

“Wine & Spirits Top 100 Wines of the Year”

Date Reviewed: June 2002

*“The aroma is powerfully compressed, making it difficult to perceive with pleasure. It has the power of that first tip of the sun at sunrise before the wine blasts open on the palate, tingling with earthy flavor and savory cherry-skin depths to the tannin. Then it grows grander with air, a blast of flavor, the aroma expanding into dusty earth to accompany the lasting fruit character. Put this away; it has the power and taut structure to grow into an astonishing beauty.”*

#### Wine Enthusiast

Score: 91 points

Date Reviewed: December 31, 2001

*“Anyone that doubts that Merlot is capable of producing a big, lush, seductive and densely flavored wine should try this exceptional bottle from one of Washington's premier red wine producers. "It's the Jayne Mansfield of Washington reds," as one friend described it. A fine, crowd-pleasing wine that shows jammy fruit matched to thick tannins and toasty, coffee-flavored oak.” – P.G.*

#### Washington State Wine Competition – Central WA State Fair

Score: Double Gold

Date Reviewed: June 2001