

## 2014 Merlot Columbia Valley

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

*"A terrific value is the 2014 Columbia Valley Merlot, which incorporates 10% Cabernet Franc, 7% Malbec and small splash of Petit Verdot. Notes of plums, licorice and chocolaty oak all emerge from this ripe, sexy, downright delicious red that has tons to love. It's ideal for drinking over the coming 3-5 years."*—Jeb Dunnuck

**89 points** - Stephen Tanzer, *Vinous*, October 2017

*"(spent 18 months in oak, 30% new): Bright, deep ruby-red. Inky aromas of black raspberry, bitter chocolate, mint and menthol. Plush, bright and broad, with boysenberry and black fruit flavors enlivened by firm acidity and herb and spice nuances. The small Malbec component brings a touch of mint while the Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot spice up the wine and enhance its aromatics. Finishes dry and persistent, with dusty tannins."* — Stephen Tanzer

**89 Points**, Wine Spectator, [www.winespectator.com](http://www.winespectator.com),  
August 2017

*"Opens with expressive cherry and dark chocolate notes, slowly building persistence and a frame of tannins on the finish. Drink now through 2021."*— Tim Fish

**88 Points**, Wine Enthusiast, July 2017

*"The aromas are barrel-forward at present, with notes of baking spice and vanilla in front of red fruit. The flavors are plump in feel but also come off as quite woody. There are lots of good things going on. Perhaps some additional time in the bottle will pull them all together."*  
—Sean Sullivan

**Outstanding!**, Great Northwest Wine, May 2017

*"Many of the Northwest's most storied vineyards for Bordeaux varieties — Klipsun, Bacchus and Dionysus at Sagemoor, Weinbau, StoneTree, Pepper Bridge and the estate Seven Hills — contribute to this big, full-bodied expression of Washington Merlot. Managing winemaker Marty Clubb and winemaker Mike Sharon invested 18 months in 30 percent new oak, which is revealed in aromas of coconut and cocoa with black cherry and blackberry. Inside, it's akin to a spoonful of cherry cobbler with a mouthfilling blend of buckleberry and pomegranate acidity. Balanced plum-skin tannins allow for a finishing dash of white pepper. This is among the largest bottlings from the historic little schoolhouse in west of Walla Walla, and it has national distribution. In Clubb's native state of Texas, they'd enjoy this with beef."* — Eric Degerman & Andy Perdue

### Medals & Competitions

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**Bronze** – Jefferson Cup Invitational Wine Competition, 2017