

2015 Frenchtown RED WINE Columbia Valley

91 points, James Suckling, www.JamesSuckling.com,
May 2018

“Attractive florals on the nose here with an array of dark cherries and berry compote. The palate has a sleeve of deeply flavorsome, fresh dark berries delivered with focus and balance. Blend of 45% merlot, 25% cabernet sauvignon, 19% syrah, 5% grenache, 4% malbec, 1% cabernet franc and 1% mourvedre. Great value. Immediate drinking red.” – James Suckling

88 points - Stephen Tanzer, Vinous, October 2017

“Deep ruby-red. Aromas of cassis, blackberry, licorice, wild herbs and violet convey a slight crushed-fruit character as well as menthol and herbal nuances; suggests a wide range of ripeness. Dense, fat, rather inky wine with blackberry, blueberry and menthol flavors and a salty element. Finishes a touch tart, with slightly drying tannins. This wine is bottled during the summer following the vintage and then held back at the winery for at least six months prior to release.”
– Stephen Tanzer

88 points –Wine Enthusiast , February 2018

“Principally Merlot (45%), Cabernet Sauvignon (25%) and Syrah (19%), along with other red varieties, this brings apple, cherry and barrel spice aromas. The flavors are full bodied and liquorous, providing some appeal.” – Sean Sullivan

88 points –Jeb Dunnuck, www.JebDunnuck.com, April 2018

“The 2015 Frenchtown Red Wine Columbia Valley is the estate's red blend and is made from 45% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Syrah, and the rest Grenache, Malbec, Cabernet Franc, and Mourvèdre. Black cherries, graphite, damp herbs, and some earthy notes all emerge from this high quality, balanced effort that's going to be perfect as a house red.” – Jeb Dunnuck

88 points, Robert Parker, www.RobertParker.com,
June 2018

“A new value-priced cuvée, the 2015 Frenchtown Red Wine reveals notes of cherries, mulberries and sweet spices, followed by a medium-bodied, supple and succulent palate that concludes with some light tannic chew—a definite success for its modest tariff. It's a catchall blend of 45% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Syrah, 5% Grenache, 4% Malbec, 1% Cabernet Franc and 1% Mourvèdre.” – William Kelley

The Montreal Gazette, 'Bill Zacharkiw's Wines of the Week',
July 20, 2018
www.montrealgazette.com

“Bordeaux-meets-Rhône blend that works extremely well. Richly textured, with the perfect balance between bright New World fruitiness and European restraint. Merlot driven, showing a plush mid-palate with dark berry fruit. The syrah brings florals and very pretty aromatics. Great candidate for short-term cellaring.”
– Bill Zacharkiw

Medals & Competitions

Silver – Jefferson Cup Invitational Wine Competition, 2017

Bronze – Rodeo Uncorked! International Wine Competition,
2018