

## 2015 Estate Merlot Walla Walla Valley

**93 points** – James Suckling, [www.JamesSuckling.com](http://www.JamesSuckling.com)  
May 2018

*“This shows more tar and asphalt than others. Blackberry and blueberry undertones. Black olives, too. Full-bodied, very juicy and intense with tangy acidity and dusty tannins. A fun and inquisitive wine. Drink in 2020.”* – James Suckling

**91 points** – Jeb Dunnuck, [www.JebDunnuck.com](http://www.JebDunnuck.com)  
April 2018

*“The 2015 Merlot Estate (80% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 10% Cabernet Franc) is a more complete wine, offering outstanding notes of blackcurrants, tobacco leaf, and spice, medium to full-bodied richness, and a layered, balanced, expansive texture. Brought up in 30% new French oak, drink this silky, charming, balanced effort over the coming 5-6 years.”* – Jeb Dunnuck

**90+ points**, Robert Parker, [www.RobertParker.com](http://www.RobertParker.com),  
June 2018

*“Reticent aromas of dark fruits, chocolate and loamy soil introduce the 2015 Merlot Walla Walla Valley, a medium-bodied, layered and expansive wine that marries a lavish attack with a deep, nicely focused core, but it concludes with a somewhat rustic, cheny finish. Like many 2015s, this is carrying a bit more hard tannin than other recent renditions, so a few years' patience is required.”*  
– William Kelley

**18.5+/20 points** - Rand Sealey's Review of Washington Wines, April 2018, [www.reviewofwashingtonwines.com](http://www.reviewofwashingtonwines.com)

*“Composed of 80% Merlot and 10% each of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cab Franc - 50% from Seven Hills and 50% from Ferguson - this offers a brick red color and a lovely nose of raspberries, cherries, plums, crushed red roses, mulberry, tobacco, cedar and rosemary. The flavors are ample yet focused, with notes of red licorice, cocoa, French roast, loam and basalt. The back reveals sensations of pressed berries, roasted nuts, mocha and graphite, all culminating nicely in a balanced fine tannin and vivid fruit acid finish.”* – Rand Sealey

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### Medals & Competitions

**Gold** – Walla Walla Valley Wine Competition, 2018