

2016 Estate Merlot Walla Walla Valley

93 points – Jeb Dunnuck, www.JebDunnuck.com
April 2019

“... the 2016 Merlot Walla Walla Valley is all estate fruit and made from 76% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Franc, and the rest Cabernet Sauvignon, brought up in 40% new oak. Its deep ruby/purple color is followed by notes of cassis, leafy herbs, damp earth, and graphite. Balanced, medium to full-bodied, seamless, and beautifully put together, it's a terrific, high-class Merlot to drink over the coming 7-8 years as well.” – Jeb Dunnuck

90 points – Wine & Spirits, www.wineandspirits.com
June 2019

“Leading with textbook Walla Walla tobacco-tin scents, this wine has a bright core of cherry and plum flavor – a hallmark of Seven Hills vineyard, where half of this fruit was sourced; the other half came from Ferguson, which may account for the wine's firm tannins. It has the stuffing to lay down; or decant it now for steak.”
– Patrick J. Comiskey

89 points, Wine Enthusiast, www.winemag.com,
July 2019

“Faint aromas of dried herb, cigar leaf, mocha and raspberry are followed by light, tart cranberry flavors backed by firm, dry, somewhat gritty tannins framed by a blast of impressive acidity. It's very tannic on its own but should fit in well at the dinner table. Pair it with pork chops with a cherry compote. It has an extremely long life in front of it. Give it a multiday extended decant if drinking before 2025”
– Sean Sullivan

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