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2007 Seven Hills Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE

Due to an unusual spring heat wave just before bloom, berries were smaller concentration and flavor to the grapes. Good set after bloom, ideal summer conditions, followed by the Columbia Valley's typical fall weather pattern of warm days and cool nights, ripened grapes slowly and evenly. The resulting wines have excellent natural acidity and deep, intense flavor.

VINEYARDS

One of the advantages of having made wine in the Columbia Valley since the mid-1980s is the opportunity it's given me to work with some of the most dedicated growers in the industry. Without a doubt, Seven Hills Vineyard is included in any list of elite vineyards within the region. Located in the Walla Walla Valley appellation, this vineyard consistently produces wines with exceptional grace and elegance.

WINEMAKING

After destemming and crushing, grapes were fermented on their skins for eight days. After being pressed off, this lot was aged for 20 months in all new French Oak barrels to improve its already lengthy finish. Racking the wine every four months created pliant tannins and bold, stylish structure.

TASTING NOTES

The Seven Hills Cabernet Sauvignon shows all the classic characteristics of the Walla Walla Valley. Complex aromas of violets, black cherry and cassis combine with a richly concentrated palate to create a wine of great balance and length.

ANALYSIS AT BOTTLLING

Total Acidity …….0.56g/100ml

pH……...……3.68

Alcohol: ……14.4%

Blend… ……..95%Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Merlot

Cases…….....189

Bottling Date…… July 8, 2009

Mike Januik, owner/winemaker