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2008 Columbia Valley Merlot

VINTAGE

Due to a cooler than normal summer, harvest started later than normal. However, September and October provided the most perfect harvest weather I've seen in 25 years of winemaking in the Columbia Valley. The resulting wines have excellent natural acidity and deep, intense flavors.

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. Our Columbia Valley wines are made from a short list of vineyards I consider to be among the best in the state. The diversity of these vineyards – representing many of the most mature, carefully managed sites in Washington – provides for a full range of fruit expression that allows me to craft complex, multi-layered wines true to Columbia Valley *terroir* as well as the varietal character of the grapes. Our 2008 Columbia Valley Merlot includes grapes from Conner Lee, Klipsun and Weinbau Vineyards.

WINEMAKING

After destemming and crushing, grapes were fermented in small lots for an average time of eight days. After being pressed off, each lot of wine was moved to predominately new French oak barrels for 18 months of barrel aging during which time the wine was racked every 3-4 months.

TASTING NOTES

This well-structured, medium-bodied Merlot shows lots of raspberry, vanilla and spice notes in the nose that complement rich black fruit and cocoa flavors in the mouth. Generous in texture and length, it should continue to improve with age for the next 5-10 years.

Mike Januik, owner/winemaker

ANALYSIS AT BOTTLLING

Total Acidity …….0.50g/100ml

pH……...……3.70

Blend… …..…….97% Merlot
3% Cabernet Franc

Cases…….…….....953

Bottling Date…….....June 30, 2010