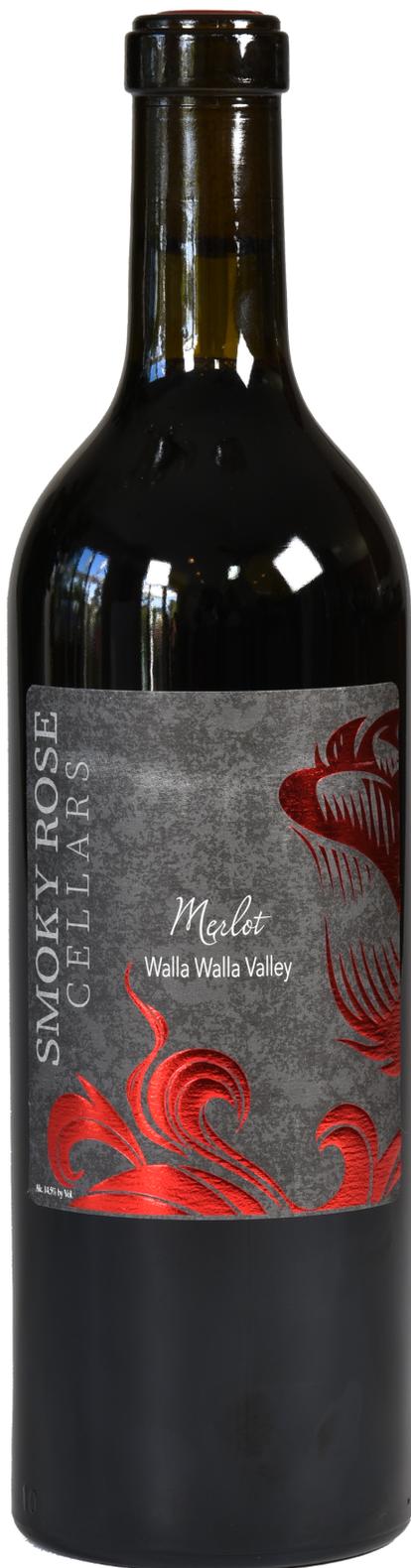


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2019 Merlot

Vineyard

This beautiful vineyard was planted in 1998 and is located on the east side of the Walla Walla AVA. The views at Golden Ridge Vineyard are unsurpassed and so are the grapes, making it some of the most sought after fruit in the valley. Josh drove past this gorgeous vineyard on his way home every day and has wanted to make wine from their grapes since moving to the valley. Our 2016 Merlot was the first time so we thought it only natural to return to Golden Ridge when it was time to make another.

Winemaker Notes

"It's been a few years since I put a Merlot in barrel. My hope was to recreate my very first vintage but with what I believe are subtle changes to make this one even better than the original! An early freeze in 2019 tried to scare us but we held firm and got the ripeness that we wanted. With Golden Ridge being on the east side and at a slightly higher elevation, it produces a more austere wine with less fruit and more subtle nuances of herbs and savory profiles." ~ Joshua Roznowski

Tasting Notes

A medium ruby color, this Merlot is very savory with aromas of cardamom, anise, dark plums, and a wisp of hazelnut. The palate is bright with small, round tannins and big flavors of vanilla, pomegranate, Bing cherries, dried herbs, and a touch of clove. We think this wine will pair nicely with a seared flank steak topped with chimichurri and garlic mashed potatoes. Drink 2022-2034.

Technical Data

WINEMAKER: Joshua Roznowski

APPELLATION: Walla Walla Valley

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Merlot

ALCOHOL: 15.5%

PH: 3.82

TA: 6.2 g/L

BOTTLING DATE: June 2021

CASES BOTTLED: 65 cases

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