



2017 Merlot

Tasting Notes

• ripe raspberry • plum • cherry • crushed roses • French roast coffee • spiced cherries • “Rocks District” earthiness • dark chocolate • ripe tannins •

Production Notes

A 100% varietal merlot sourced from our Waliser Estate Vineyard, located in the ‘Rocks District’ sub-appellation which perfectly blends savory earthy notes with bright fruits.

Vineyards

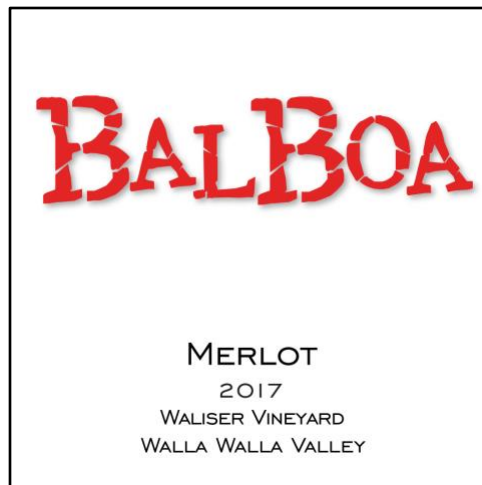
• Waliser Estate Vineyard, ‘Rocks District of Milton-Freewater’
Walla Walla Valley

Winemaking

- Hand harvested grapes
- Picked early in the morning
- Small lot fermentations in stainless steel tanks
- The cap was manually punched down twice a day
- The wine was aged for 16 months in French Oak barrels
- Cross flow filtration prior to bottling

Vintage

- 2017 was overall a moderate year delaying harvest by about a week
- The vintage started with a cool, wet spring with bud break occurring in early April.
- Bloom occurred in early June catching up with the long-term averages
- August temperatures were slightly warmer than average increasing fruit maturation with cooler nights to retain natural acids
- Harvest started on September 13th lasting through the end of October



Wine Data

AppellationWalla Walla Valley
Varietal..... Merlot
Composition.....100% Merlot
Vineyards.....Estate Waliser Vineyard
Vintage..... 2017

Technical Notes

pH.....3.68
Total Acidity 6.7 g/L
Alcohol..... 14%
Harvest Date9/6
Bottling Date..... April 4th, 2019
Production 98 cases