

**2007** MERLOT COLUMBIA VALLEY



## MARKET HISTORY:

Market Vineyards is a dream brought to life by four partners, Steve Anderson and Daniel Schulte of Kansas City and Matt Riesenweber & Bob Bertsch of Washington State.

Three of the partners have backgrounds in the financial market arena and the other in custom construction. Their attention to detail and quality comes second nature. While vacationing, the partners sat on the rooftop of the Beijing Hotel overlooking the Forbidden City sampling a large variety of wines. The rooftop view was no less than world-class. Glass in hand, they decided to create a wine label that matched the atmosphere they were taking in. Their passion for wine led to the creation of the ultra-premium wines they share with you today.

## WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY:

Market Vineyards' philosophy is reflected by their choice in having one of Washington State's industry leaders, Charlie Hoppes as their winemaker.

Market Vineyards takes pride on being able to have access to hand-picked fruit sourced from premier Washington State vineyards located in the Columbia Valley and Red Mountain growing regions. The attention to detail and premium quality is not just noticed in the fruit chosen but also the artistic abilities in the cellar. Custom French and American barrels are hand-selected so they are properly matched for each vintage that is produced.

## Benchmark

## **MARKET NOTES**

Benchmark, our 2007 Merlot, demonstrates the quality that the Columbia Valley is known for— consistently rich, dark fruit notes and a velvety texture.

This barrel fermented vintage was sourced from some of Washington's elite Merlot producing vineyards.

| VARIETAL: Merlot   | 100%              |
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| VINEYARDS:   |                   |
| Stillwater Creek Vineyard<br>Weinbau Vineyard<br>Conner-Lee Vineyard | 58%<br>25%<br>17% |
| ALCOHOL:   | 14.6%             |
| CASES:   | 225               |

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