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MERLOT
COLUMBIA VALLEY



MARKET VINEYARDS HISTORY

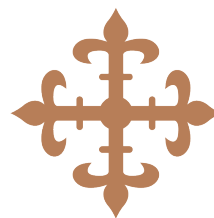
Market Vineyards is a dream brought to life by five partners, Steve Anderson and Daniel Schulte of Kansas City, and Matt Riesenweber, Bob Bertsch, and Kelly Precechtel Bright of Washington State.

Four of the partners have backgrounds in the financial market's 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 that matched the atmosphere they were enjoying. Their passion for wine led to the creation of the handcrafted 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 in 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.



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Benchmark

Deep ruby red in color with black cherry and strawberry on the rim, this Columbia Valley merlot offers aromas of cedar with spices such as white pepper and dried herbs, balanced with a touch of violet and earthy truffle. On the palate, entrance of black cherry, evolve on dense, soft tannins and touches of prune and black cherry while lingering on a well-textured, superb fruit purity and intensity. Notes of roasted espresso, dark chocolate along with touches of caramel and vanilla bean, this medium-bodied wine is pure and elegant with an attractive, savory finish. Another one to two years in the bottle will fill this wine out. Drink now through 2019.

VARIETALS:

Merlot 100%

VINEYARDS:

Hightower Vineyards 50%
Weinbau Vineyards 50%

ALCOHOL: 14.7%

CASES: 96



Editors' Choice



Silver Medal



Gold

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