



2006 Columbia Valley Merlot

Winemaker Notes: Our 2006 Merlot opens with complex strawberry, raspberry, white pepper, tobacco and sage aromas. It is a full-bodied red wine with bold strawberry flavors and hints of white pepper. Big fruit and big, but gentle tannins coat the long lingering finish. Our 2005 version of this wine was our most award winning wine to date!

Variety: 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc
Vintage: 2006
Winemaker: Doug Nierman
AVA: Columbia Valley
Harvest: September, 2006
Brix: 25 degrees
Vineyard: Winesap Road, Lefore, Kelly, Willard, Pleasant
Acidity: TA 5.7; pH 3.80
Alcohol: 14.4
Cooperage: 24 months French and American
Production: 506

Awards to date:

- Best of Show – 2010 Astoria Seafood & Wine Festival
- Gold Medal – 2010 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition
- Gold Medal – 2010 Wine Press NW Platinum Judging
- Silver Medal - 2009 Northwest Wine Summit

Sustainability: Zerba Cellars' three estate vineyards are certified sustainable by VINEA, LIVE, IOBC, & Salmon Safe.

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