

## 2006 Walla Walla Valley Reserve Merlot

**Winemaker Notes:** Our 2006 Reserve Merlot features Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot sourced exclusively from vineyards in the famous rocky floodplain of the Walla Walla River. It is a full-bodied red wine with rich berry aromas and hints of tar and spice. Bold black cherry and plum flesh out the big, gentle tannins as they fade into a lingering oaky finish.

**Variety:** 75% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage: 2006

Winemaker: Doug Nierman

**AVA:** Walla Walla Valley **Harvest:** September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**Brix:** 25 degrees

**Vineyard:** Kelly, Winesap, Lefore

**Acidity:** TA 5.9; pH 3.94

**Alcohol:** 14.1%

**Cooperage:** 24 months American and French

**Production:** 97

## Awards to date:

- Silver Medal Oregon Wine Awards, 2009
- Bronze Medal National Women's International Wine Competition, 2009

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

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