

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 17th, 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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