

## 2007 Walla Walla Valley Merlot

**Winemaker Notes:** Our 2007 rendition of this famous Bordeaux showcases both Merlot and Cab off vineyards located in the ancient rocky floodplain of the Walla Walla River. This full-bodied red has an exotic nose featuring mint, red cherries, anise, and hints of earthiness and light tobacco. These aromas meld in with big rich dark fruit flavors of red plum, bing cherry, and blackberry that swirl around in the mouth on the way to a lingering cedar finish.

**Variety:** 80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage: 2007

Winemaker: Doug Nierman

AVA: Walla Walla Valley
Harvest: September, 2007

**Brix:** 25.5 degrees

**Vineyard:** Winesap Road, Kelly, Willard, Cockburn

**Acidity:** TA 5.7; pH 3.73

**Alcohol:** 14.7

**Cooperage:** 26 months American

**Production:** 225

**Release:** May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

## **Awards to Date:**

- Gold Medal 2011 Northwest Wine Summit
- Best of Show 2011 Sisters Wine & Brew Festival

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

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