



# POWERS

2014

Merlot

Columbia Valley

#### TASTING NOTES

Diverse layered aromatics of dark cherry, blackberries, and crème Brule that leads into a touch of cedar, sweet cigar, and earthiness on the nose. With dense flavors of black cherry, black currant, and cocoa that linger on the complex palate, this wine has lush dusty tannins that are balanced by a nice touch of oak and spice on the finish. This is a very opulent and layered Merlot that you would expect from this world-class vineyard site.

#### BLEND/VINEYARD INFO

##### **94% Merlot, 3% Malbec, & 3% Syrah**

60% Katherine Leone Vineyard Merlot, Wahluke Slope

30% Goose Ridge Vineyard Merlot, Columbia Valley

4% Champoux Vineyard Merlot, Horse Heaven Hills

3% Goose Ridge Vineyard Malbec, Columbia Valley

3% Cougar Vineyard Syrah, Wahluke Slope

#### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Washington is known for having world class Merlot, and this bottling is no exception. Most of the components of this Merlot were fermented in stainless steel uprights with the exception of the Champoux Merlot, which was fermented in a pump under fermenter. We used PDM yeast on the Katherine Leone Merlot, Goose Ridge Merlot, Cougar Syrah, and Goose Ridge Malbec with 796 yeast used on the Champoux Merlot. All components then completed 100% malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks and were aged for 25 months in 2 and 3-year-old French Oak barrels.



#### TECHNICAL DATA

Release Date: Feb 8, 2017      Alcohol: 13.5      Residual Sugar: Dry

Acidity: 0.64      pH 3.86      Cases: 2,000

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