

# REININGER 2013 Merlot

## *Walla Walla Valley*



### DESCRIPTION

“Sweet aromatic oak, reminiscent of my great uncle Dell’s unlit, moist pipe tobacco, accompanies this medium-dark red Merlot with deep scents of black cherry demi glaze, baked fig and cocoa. Its velvety palate and rich fruit are supported by soft, round tannins and an abundance of acid. Permitting this wine to breath a few hours will divulge layers of plush black cherry, roasted figs and plums drizzled with Chambord and drops of mocha. Take your time, enjoy.” ~*Chuck Reininger, Winemaker*

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**Blend:** 96% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon,

**Cooperage:** 64% American, 36% French (40% new)

**pH:** 3.7

**TA:** 6.1 g/L

**Alc.:** 14.1%

**Bottled:** July 2015

**Production:** 609 cases

### THE VINEYARDS

**PEPPER BRIDGE** Straddling the state line between Washington and Oregon, Pepper Bridge Vineyard dates back to 1991 when its first 10 acres were planted of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Over the next two decades, Pepper Bridge expanded to what it is today, at about 200 acres. Known for its outstanding reputation with winemakers throughout the Walla Walla Valley and Washington State, Pepper Bridge has some of the most sought after grapes. At an elevation of 850 feet, Pepper Bridge sits atop an ancient glacial lakebed leftover from the Missoula Floods. The top three feet of soils are Walla Walla silt loam, a wind-blown loess, but beneath that lays rich sedimentary deposits.

**SEVEN HILLS** One of the first commercially planted vineyards in the Walla Walla Valley, Seven Hills dates back to 1980. Over the last thirty five years, Seven Hills has expanded to more than 235 acres and is the source of fruit for many wineries across the state and Walla Walla Valley. In 2004, Wine & Spirit included Seven Hills in the top ten greatest vineyards in the world. With an elevation of 1,050 feet, Seven Hills has excellent soil and air drainage for the 12 varietals that grow on its soil, and is one of the most technically advanced in the industry.

### FOOD PAIRINGS

Enjoy our Merlot with a hearty beef stew and mushroom ragu, or if you’re a year-round grill aficionado, try it with barbecue ribs and Walla Walla sweet onions.

### REININGER WINERY

REININGER Winery, located in the heart of the Walla Walla Valley, specializes in crafting elegant and finely structured wines from hand-harvested, ultra premium grapes. From our first release in 1997, REININGER wines have possessed a unique quality derived from the winemaker’s awareness of and passion for the natural elements that make great wines.