

# REININGER

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

## 2014 MERLOT

- REININGER has been producing a Walla Walla Merlot since our inaugural vintage in 1997. Highlights of past vintages include 90 points from *Wine & Spirits* and *Wine Enthusiast* for the 1999 vintage, 93 points from *Wine & Spirits* for the 2001 vintage, being included in “Top 20 Wines of Washington State” in *Food & Wine* for the 2003, and included in “Top 50 Wines of 2014” in *Seattle Times* for the 2010 vintage.

### DEDICATION TO TERROIR DRIVEN WINES

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.

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100% Certified Salmon Safe.



Though 2014 at the time was the warmest vintage on record, this Merlot was harvested at its normal time due to the vines attempt to conserve moisture by shutting down photosynthesis during periods of excessive heat. Such an ardent growing season blessed this Merlot with a nice garnet color and scents of dark red fruits, turmeric spice, cocoa, loamy earth and a touch of graphite. The soft structured, balanced palate has fine grained tannins and exhibits sturdy flavors of dark cherry, currant, and black plum with a pinch of spice and loam shadowed by lightly toasted oak. This wine is great with big, roasted tomato dishes. ~Chuck Reininger, Winemaker

<i>Blend:</i>	87% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc
<i>Vineyard:</i>	Pepper Bridge & XL
<i>Appellation:</i>	Walla Walla Valley
<i>Cooperage:</i>	96% American, 4% French (35% new)
<i>Alcohol:</i>	14.2%
<i>pH:</i>	3.76
<i>Acidity:</i>	6.0 g/L
<i>Bottling Date:</i>	July 2016
<i>Production:</i>	111 cases
<i>Release Date:</i>	Fall 2018
<i>Drink Between</i>	2019-2023