

JOEL GOTT

Washington

MERLOT
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VARIETAL:

Merlot
Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION:

Washington
Columbia Valley

BARREL:

76% new American oak
24% 2-year-old American oak

ALCOHOL:

14.2%

TASTING NOTES:

The 2012 Washington blend has aromas of ripe berries, cherry pie, and cola with hints of sweet oak. On the front of the palate rich black currant flavors are followed by a sweet mid-palate with soft tannins and a juicy finish.

WINEMAKING NOTES:

To make a well-balanced style red wine, we blended Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and a small amount of Malbec from the Red Mountain and Wahluke Slope appellations located within Columbia Valley, a sought after location for red varietals. The growing season began with moderate temperatures, followed by an even, warm summer, allowing for fruit to reach optimal ripeness and maturity. The wine was aged for 14 months in new and 2-year-old American oak barrels, helping to complement the tannins and soften the mid-palate. The growing conditions, vineyard location, and the aging process helped to create a wine with good color, concentration, ripeness and well-balanced acidity.

