

SUBSTANCE

VINEYARD COLLECTION

2015 Substance Vineyard Collection Northridge Merlot

Merlot to the Max! Super complex, layers of black currant, cherry, pipe tobacco, cedar, saddle leather. Oozing with flavor and personality. This wine expresses so much that words are hard to come by. Find some of your own. Grand.

Current & Past Scores

94 Points, *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*

"The 2015 Merlot Northridge Vineyard wafts from the glass with complex aromas of red and black fruit compote, candied peel, tobacco leaf and loamy soil. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, rich and chewy, with a sweet core of fruit that's complemented by plenty of savory complexity and a youthfully firm finish. This will need a few years in the cellar and should be worth following for a decade."

94 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck (formerly of Robert Parker's Wine Advocate)*

"Mulled spices, ripe black cherries, graphite, and hints of chocolate emerge from the 2015 Merlot Northridge Vineyard. It's medium to full-bodied, pure, elegant and layered, with a seamless texture that continues to gain depth and richness with time in the glass. Brought up in 40% new oak, it's an elegant, gorgeous wine."

Vineyard

The vineyards we work with are farmed using the most up to date sustainable practices.

Northridge Vineyard: (100%) Loamy, fine sand over silica limestone, these ancient soils above the Missoula Flood plain are some of the best to grow fruit. This site is higher elevation and has cooler evenings, which creates later ripening, lots of minerality and concentration.

Vintage

The 2015 harvest was the warmest vintage in recorded history, with fantastic viticulture and a great extended harvest. Because of this, we were able to make some of the most incredible wines to date. The vintage was dry and long with an early bud break and late harvest that had cool evenings to guarantee incredible quality. The 2015 wines have big complex flavors, good acidity and great balance.

Blend

100% Merlot

Appellation

Wahluke Slope

Production

Yield: 2.5 tons per acre

100% whole berry fermentation

Yeast: native

47 days on skins

60% new French oak barriques

21 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis

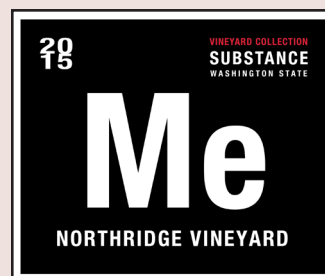
4.7 g/L titratable acidity

3.65 pH

14.5% alcohol

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