

WATERBROOK

WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

Merlot

2018 • COLUMBIA VALLEY

TASTING NOTE

"Sweet, floral aromas of honey suckle and cherry blossom lead to flavors of dried apple, boysenberry and cedar. Medium bodied with soft, well-rounded tannins and flavors of fresh tobacco, homemade applesauce and berry cobbler on the finish. This dark, easy-to-drink Merlot will pair perfectly with steak, lamb chops, lox, and other smoke or dried fatty fish."

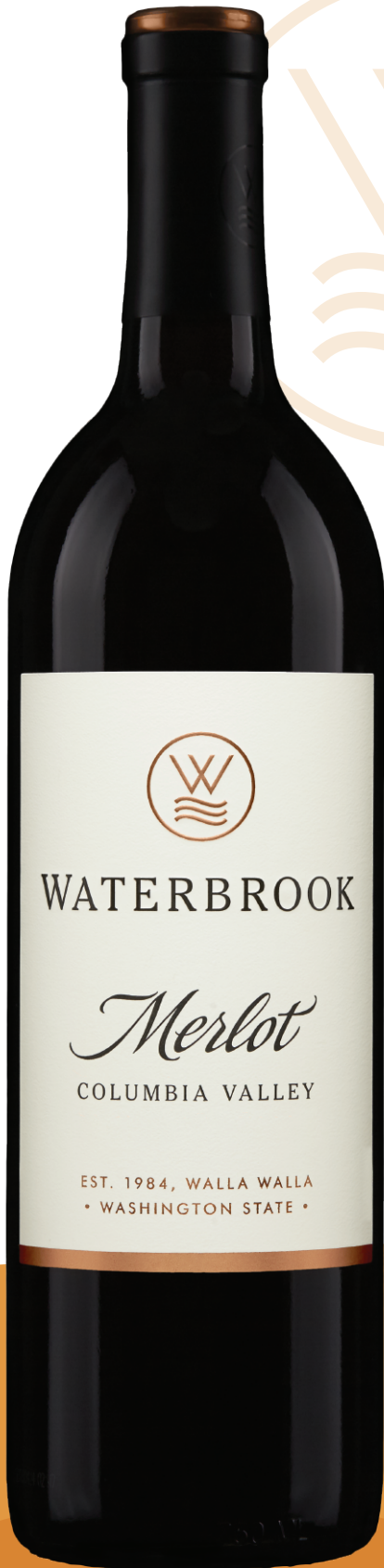
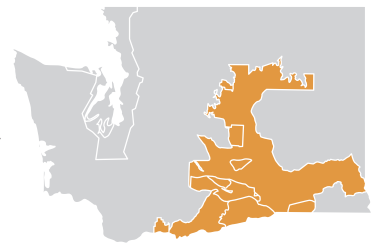
— John Freeman, Winemaker

VINTAGE NOTE

2018 represents a very long harvest and a record-breaker for volume and tons crushed. Drier weather at bloom, resulted in grapes with much less mildew pressure than last year. Two weeks of extremely hot weather towards the end of summer allowed fruit to hang a little longer. White varieties will express a great range of fruit flavors like apple, pineapple and peach, while ripened red varieties will show more fruit-forward characteristics. The levels of acid are coming in higher than in years past, so red varieties, like Merlot, Cabernet and Syrah will be bright and refreshing.

VINEYARDS

- Skyfall, Blackrock
- Known for its many and varied microclimates (cool, warm, windy, hilly, flat), Columbia Valley is the umbrella AVA under which many of the state's sub-AVAs fall.



WINEMAKING

VARIETY PERCENTAGE: 100% Merlot

TA: 4.6 g/l | PH: 3.86

AGING: 10 months in 22% new American oak

ALC: 14.48%