



P E D E S T A L

Originally created in collaboration with acclaimed winemaker Michel Rolland, this unique Merlot blend is produced by Long Shadows' Director of Winemaking, Gilles Nicault.

2021 MERLOT | COLUMBIA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES:

The 2021 Pedestal Merlot is a stunning wine with enticing aromas of black cherry and sweet spice. On the palate, vibrant layers of dark fruit, including plum, blackberry, and black cherry, are seamlessly integrated with notes of oak spice. The mouthfeel is balanced and richly textured from entry to mid-palate, culminating in a long, memorable finish.

VINEYARDS:

The Wahluke Slope's Weinbau and Stone Tree Vineyards are warm sites that grow dark, richly textured Merlot and serve as the primary source for the 2021 Pedestal. White Bluff's Dionysus Vineyard Merlot and Petit Verdot contribute to the wine's rich, opulent mouthfeel. Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon adds backbone.

BLEND:

80% MERLOT
12% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
8% PETIT VERDOT

ALCOHOL: 15.2%

pH: 3.73

TA: 0.52 GRAMS/100ML

PRODUCTION: 2,730 CASES



WINEMAKING:

Carefully hand-harvested grapes underwent a double-sorting process to eliminate any green materials that might introduce harsh tannins. Afterward, each lot was cold-soaked to enhance richness and flavors before undergoing whole-berry fermentation in 1,500-gallon upright French oak tanks. During fermentation, gentle pump-overs helped capture the wine's vibrant color and lush mouthfeel. The wine was then aged for 22 months in all French oak barrels, 80% new, contributing to its complexity and refined structure.

VINTAGE:

The 2021 vintage will be remembered for its low yields and outstanding quality. Following a brief heat wave that stretched from late June to the beginning of July, ideal growing conditions carried through the summer, with temperatures cooling in the fall just enough to give the wines their fresh, vibrant character. The combination of low yields and extra hang time allowed the grapes to reach full physiological maturity, resulting in a vintage distinguished by balanced, elegant wines with remarkable concentration and depth of flavor.