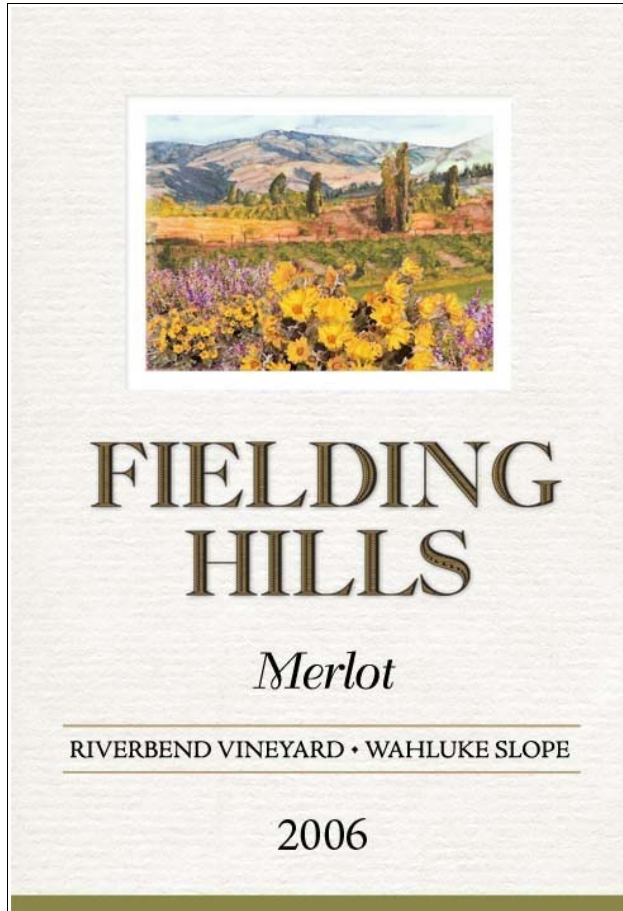


~ Winemaker Notes/Vintage Information ~



Vintage: 2006
Variety: Merlot
Blend: 80% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Syrah
Components: Alcohol- 14.3%; pH- 3.41; T.A.- .69
Appellation: Wahluke Slope
Vineyard: RiverBend Vineyards
Winemaker: Mike Wade, Co-owner Fielding Hills Winery
Harvest: October 2006 early morning hand harvested into small lugs
Vinification: Harvest lugs are individually inspected, with grapes clusters then stemmed and crushed directly into small "one-ton" fermentors. The must is then allowed to settle for 24 hours when a combination of Prise de Mousse & Pasteur Red yeast was added. Twice each day the must is checked and punched down. When nearly dry, the free run wine is transferred directly into oak barrels. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered resulting in superb color, clarity, and flavor.
Agging: 19 months in a combination of American and French oak barrels; 77% new
Production: 163 cases
Bottling date: May 18, 2008
Release date: October 1, 2008
Tasting Notes: "Ripe, round and generous, this sumptuous wine offers layers of gorgeous blackberry and black cherry flavors, hinting at toast and spice on the creamy-textured finish. Drink now through 2014." 93 pts. Wine Spectator *(H.S.)*

"This lush red coats your mouth in chocolate and ripe cherries. There are hints of blackberry and coffee also hidden in the velvet texture. The finish is long and generous with silky tannins. A comforting wine that also has the ability to make you think about it, if you choose to.....perhaps by the fire." *(B.R. Wine Bin)*

Merlot skeptics look out: Fielding Hills makes a real head-turner of a Merlot. Unusually rich and full-bodied, the dark red cherry and tobacco aromas beckon you into the glass. Gushing plums and cherries mix with peppery barrel spice and succulent, slightly earthy red fruit on the savory finish, lasting nearly a minute. Magnificent Merlot. *(J. Y. Avalon Wine)*

Fielding Hills Winery was started in July 2000 by Mike & Karen Wade. The grapes are from estate grown, family owned RiverBend Vineyards in Mattawa, WA. The winery is located in East Wenatchee, WA. The winemaking methods utilize a small lot, hand crafted style.

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