

~ Winemaker Notes/Vintage Information ~



FIELDING HILLS

Merlot

RIVERBEND VINEYARD • WAHLUKE SLOPE

2007

Vintage: 2007
Variety: Merlot
Blend: 93% Merlot, 5% Syrah, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon
Components: Alcohol- 15.1%; pH- 3.29; T.A.- .70
Appellation: Wahluke Slope
Vineyard: RiverBend Vineyards
Winemaker: Mike Wade, Co-owner Fielding Hills Winery
Harvest: October 2007 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 unfiltered and unfiltered resulting in superb color, clarity, and flavor.
Aging: 19 months in a combination of American and French oak barrels; 72% new
Production: 172 cases
Bottling date: May 8, 2009
Release date: September 1, 2009
Tasting Notes: "Succulent, liquorous, dense and tart – this is superb Washington merlot. It is bursting with blueberry and black cherry fruit flavors, and has the highest percentage of merlot ever for Fielding Hills. Included in the blend is 2% cabernet sauvignon and 5% syrah." *(P. Greggut)*

"Starts with scents of plum, blackberry, and baking spice. Add black cherry, violet perfume, and cassis to the flavors of this succulent wine. The finish is full of rich fruit and a hint of earth." *(J. Y. Avalon Wine)*

Awards/Ratings: 93 pts. Wine Enthusiast; 91 pts. Wine Spectator; Double Gold 2010 Seattle Wine Awards

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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