2011

MERLOT
COLUMBIA VALLEY
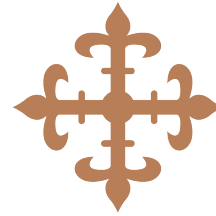
MARKET VINEYARDS HISTORY

Market Vineyards is a dream brought to life by five partners, Steve Anderson and Daniel Schulte of Kansas City, and Matt Riesenweber, Bob Bertsch, and Kelly Precechtel Bright of Washington State.

Four of the partners have backgrounds in the financial market's arena and the other in custom construction. Their attention to detail and quality comes second nature. While vacationing, the partners sat on the rooftop of the Beijing Hotel overlooking the Forbidden City sampling a large variety of wines. The rooftop view was no less than world-class. Glass in hand, they decided to create a wine that matched the atmosphere they were enjoying. Their passion for wine led to the creation of the handcrafted wines they share with you today.

WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY

Market Vineyards' philosophy is reflected by their choice in having one of Washington State's industry leaders, Charlie Hoppes, as their winemaker.

Market Vineyards takes pride on being able to have access to hand-picked fruit sourced from premier Washington State vineyards located in the Columbia Valley and Red Mountain growing regions. The attention to detail and premium quality is not just noticed in the fruit chosen but also in the artistic abilities in the cellar. Custom French and American barrels are hand-selected so they are properly matched for each vintage that is produced.

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Benchmark

Velvety, round and distinctive our 2011 Merlot demonstrates the Benchmark of quality that Washington State's grapes are known for. While offering delicate flavors of ripe currant and plum fruit with slight hints of pomegranate this wine is graceful without losing depth or intensity. The complexity of dense, soft tannins reveals a savory finish which lingers on the palate. One to two additional years in the bottle will fill this wine out elegantly. Drink now through 2020.

VARIETALS:

Merlot	100%

VINEYARDS:

Stillwater Vineyards	50%
Weinbau Vineyards	50%

ALCOHOL:	14.6%
CASES:	98