

**THE
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MERLOT
2008
WASHINGTON STATE**



HAND TO LAND, VINYARD TO BOTTLE.

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COLUMBIA VALLEY

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VINTED & BOTTLED BY

CHARLES SMITH WINES

MATTAWA WASHINGTON USA

GOVERNMENT WARNING: (1) ACCORDING TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, WOMEN SHOULD NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF BIRTH DEFECTS. (2) CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IMPAIRS YOUR ABILITY TO DRIVE A CAR OR OPERATE MACHINERY, AND MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS.

750 ML / CONTAINS SULFITES / ALC. 13.5% BY VOL.

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2008 The Velvet Devil Merlot — Columbia Valley

(59% Wahluke Slope, 31% Yakima Valley, 5% Horse Heaven Hills, 5% Walla Walla Valley)

Tasting Notes: If velvet had a flavor this would be it. Bittersweet chocolate, dark Italian cherries. Sweet rose petals with a firm, satiny finish. Pure Washington Merlot. HELL YEAH! —Charles Smith

WHY VELVET DEVIL?

IT MAKES MERLOT SOUND SEXY...BECAUSE IT IS!

Technical Information

Vineyards: 59% from Wahluke Slope, Milbrandt Vineyards, including Pheasant Vineyard—planted beginning in 1998 by the Milbrandt family; comprised of well-drained, sandy gravelly soils deposited by ancient glacial floods; 31% from Yakima Valley, 5% from Horse Heaven Hills; 5% from Walla Walla Valley.

Elevage: Fermented in stainless steel, French oak aged. Bright violet-red color extends to primary aromatics revealing chocolate covered cherries and suggestions of smoke and cedar. A purposefully, elegant tannin profile puts this Merlot in an entirely new category, providing an ultra-smooth character that will appeal to all palates.

2008 The Velvet Devil is classic Washington State Merlot—hallmark Columbia Valley. It is ready to drink, at a great price, and tastes like the vineyards from which it came, a fact that also makes it classic “Modernist Project.”

Release Date: November 2009

Alcohol: 13.5%

Total Acid: .54

pH: 3.79

Residual Sugar: none

Suggested Retail: \$12

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