



MERITAGE

Price	\$40
Vintage	2005
Appellation	Horse Heaven Hills, Columbia Valley, Washington State
Varieties	58 % Cabernet Sauvignon 30% Cabernet Franc 12% Malbec
Vineyard	All of the fruit for this blend comes from Alder Creek Vineyard. The high heat units from this vineyard site allow for full development of all the late ripening red varieties. Dark fruit and bright acidity are trademarks of this vineyard. Located just 5 miles north of the Columbia river, the vineyard benefits from the air drainage that helps moderate temperature extremes.
Fermentation	Whole berries were fermented in half ton open top fermentors for 12 - 14 days, with twice daily punch downs by hand.
Aging	Aged 22 months in 100% new French oak barrels.
Flavor Profile	Ripe and focused with black cherry, plum and berry fruit flavor, alongside violet undertones, well integrated tannins and a long finish.

