

CANYON WIND

2007 MERLOT GRAND VALLEY AVA

WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

Merlot was one of the first varietals planted in our riverside vineyard in 1991. The majority of the vines are planted in a sandy soil (like most of the vineyard) with a cobble bar at a depth of ten feet. The remaining vines, approximately 20%, were planted in a section of the vineyard with an uplift in the cobbles to sub-surface levels. This location is much harder on the plants due to the extraordinarily fast drainage and results in two distinct Merlots from the same clone in the same age planting. This wine was created in our traditionally inspired low-intervention winemaking style. Post-fermentation, the wine was placed into a 14-month oak barrel program consisting of new, one and two-year old American and French oak.

2007 was the first of three unseasonably cold years in the Grand Valley; changing the temperature profile into that of a milder climate. The 2007 Merlot has a nose with beautiful bright cherry, vanilla and blackberry followed by elegant spice. On the palate, this wine is very bright and light while still offering youthful structure and elegance. Drink now or cellar for 5-10 years.

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Merlot



Grand Valley, Colorado

WINE PROFILE

VARIETAL BLEND:

76% MERLOT

24% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VINTAGE:

2007

APPELLATION:

GRAND VALLEY AVA

TERROIR:

100% RIVERSIDE VINEYARD

TECHNICAL DATA

ALCOHOL:

13.07%

WINE ACIDITY:

6.4 g/L

WINE pH:

3.72

HARVEST DATE:

OCTOBER 1, 2007

BOTTLING DATE:

JANUARY 22, 2009

CASES PRODUCED:

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