

# RED

## 2015 MERLOT

This tightly knit Merlot from Pepper Bridge Vineyard shows added structure and complexity due mainly to the addition of 16% Cabernet Sauvignon (Pepper Bridge Vineyard) and 6% Cabernet Franc (Dineen Vineyard). Due to the warm summer, our Merlot was picked nearly 3 weeks earlier than in previous years on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Three days of cold soak and a slow ten day fermentation were followed by 14 months in French barrels and a light filter just prior to bottling. Enjoy notes of black cherries with hints of vanilla, black currants and subtle lingering tannins. Food pairings may include a hearty stew with dried blueberries, cinnamon and allspice to cheeses including gouda, aged cheddars and soft ripening blue cheeses. In order to realize the true potential of this elegant wine, either decant or drink in 2020 to 2025.

Cooperage:	14 months in 35% new French oak barrels
Vineyards/Harvest:	Pepper Bridge Merlot 78%
	Pepper Bridge Cabernet Sauvignon 16 %
	Dineen Cabernet Franc 6 %
Alcohol:	14.5 %
Appellation:	Columbia Valley
Production:	50 Cases 750 ml
Bottled:	November 2016
Release Date:	February 2016
Suggested Retail:	<b>\$ 35.00/bottle (750ml)</b>

# WINERY