



## 2012 MERLOT

Yakima Valley

**VINEYARD NOTES:** The wine came from our Estate Vineyard in the Rattlesnake Hills. 2012 was a vintage year in the Rattlesnake Hills AVA. The grapes were harvested under warm dry conditions with perfect ripeness.

### **TECHNICAL DATA:**

Appellation: Rattlesnake Hills/Yakima Valley

Grapes: Château Puryear Vineyard, Zillah, WA

### **Harvest:**

Dates: 10-10-12

pH: 3.54

Brix: 25

T.A.: 3.2 g/l

### **Bottling:**

Date: 8-22-14

pH: 3.78

T.A.: 5.9 g/l

Alcohol: 13.8%

Sugar: dry

Production: 697 cases

**Cellar Notes:** This wine was aged 21 months in 225 liter French and American oak casks from many cooperages. The new oak comprises about 30% of the blend. Predominately 1 and 2 year old American oak From Gamba Cooperages in Italy.

**Tasting Notes:** Red Cherry and Raspberry aromas mingles with sweet vanilla oak.

**Accompaniments:** Braised spare ribs

**Serving Notes:** Serve room temperature 65°