

# BADGER MOUNTAIN

## CERTIFIED ORGANIC VINEYARD

### 2008 Merlot

COLUMBIA VALLEY | NO SULFITES ADDED (NSA) ORGANIC

#### TASTING NOTES

Smokey raspberries and tobacco jump out of the glass and are wrapped in red plums. At once supple and finely balanced these flavors continue on the palate and are joined by cherry blossoms, chucker cherries and dark brooding blackberries. Finishes pure and bright with delightful layers of sweet dark fruit.

#### BLEND/VINEYARD INFO

90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

79% Badger Mountain Vineyard Estate Merlot, Columbia Valley

11% Pleasant Vineyard Merlot, Columbia Valley

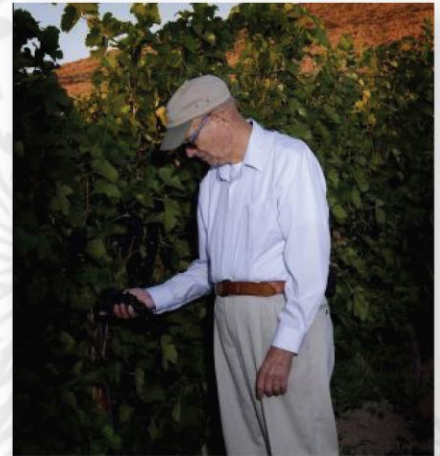
10% Badger Mountain Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley

#### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This year the fruit from our Estate Vineyard exemplified what we look for in NSA Merlot. Ripe and soft, leaning towards the dark fruit character that Washington Merlot tends to produce, it closely resembled the past vintages of which we are most proud. The Badger Mountain Merlot is a combination of upright and “pump-under”(or cross tank) fermentation, that gives great color and flavor extraction with softer tannins. The Pleasant Merlot gives a hint of red fruit and aromatics that make Merlot so beguiling. We added the Badger Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon for a bit of structure and dramatic finish to the blend. The separate components spent 4 – 6 months in older French oak before being bottled in early August 2009.

#### TECHNICAL DATA

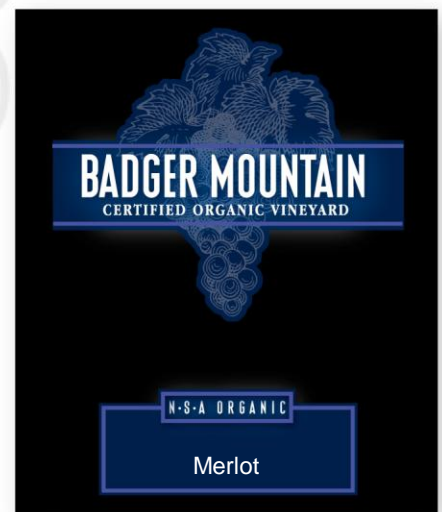
Release Date	11.1.2009	Acidity:	.063
Alcohol:	13.5%	pH	3.85
Residual Sugar:	0.00	Cases:	2000



NATURAL PASSION.



RESPONSIBLE FARMING.



PURE WINE.