



ARBOR CREST

WINE CELLARS

2009 MERLOT

Four Vineyards || Columbia Valley

~ ABOUT THE WINE ~

This 2009 Columbia Valley Merlot is an excellent example of a full-bodied Washington Merlot. Ripe and concentrated, this wine strings layers of intense raspberry, complex currant and blueberry notes framed by spicy, vanilla-scented oak. Barrel aged in French oak for twenty months, this elegant wine finishes boldly with intense cherry, blackberry and plum flavors lingering nicely on the palate. The vines are grown on original, ungrafted rootstock, which provides the grapes their intense varietal character. This wine embodies a tradition of red wine excellence, ensuring a memorable tasting experience.

~ ABOUT THE VINTAGE ~

The 2009 growing season started with a mild spring, which was followed by a dry, hot summer. These factors contributed to excellent acid levels in the grapes, balanced canopies and small berries. One of the best vintages in Washington State!

~ ABOUT THE VINEYARDS ~

This wine was blended from four different vineyards – all unique. The Dionysus vineyard is located along the banks of the Columbia River. The vineyard yields fruit with great tannin structure and incredible Bing cherry, chocolate and currant notes. The Conner Lee Vineyard, a cooler site, produces some very intense fruit that blends nicely. The Bacchus Vineyard blocks produces fruit that is rich and concentrated yielding bright fruit aromas and excellent texture. The world famous Klipsun Vineyard yields fruit that is earthy and spicy which compliments the intense fruit from the other vineyards.

~ FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS ~

Pair this wine with beef tenderloin topped with bleu cheese or gorgonzola or a great combo with a New York Pepper Steak. If you enjoy pairing wine with cheese, try an aged cheddar or a blue cheese. Enjoy!

~ PRODUCTION STATISTICS ~

VINTAGE 2009	HARVEST DATES SEPTEMBER 11 - OCTOBER 8, 2009
VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% MERLOT	SUGAR AT HARVEST 24.1 - 25.1 BRIX
APPELLATION COLUMBIA VALLEY	WINE ACIDITY 6.68 g/L
VINEYARDS BACCHUS BLOCK 4 CONNER LEE VINEYARD DIONYSUS BLOCK 16B KLIPSUN VINEYARD	WINE PH 3.57
RELEASE DATE SEPTEMBER 2011	ALCOHOL 13.8 %
OPTIMUM TIME FOR CONSUMPTION NOW UNTIL 2018	BARREL AGING 20 MO. IN FRENCH OAK
	CASE PRODUCTION 2150 CASES
	RETAIL PRICING

