



## **2009 Merlot**

**Vintage : 2009**

**Vineyard:**

Alder Ridge Vineyard – Horse Heaven Hills

**Winemaking:**

All the fruit was gently destemmed with approximately 60% whole berries into open top fermentors .

A 5 day cold maceration, followed by inoculation with 2 different varieties of yeast.

The tanks had caps punched down 3 times daily with careful attention to temperature before being transferred to French oak barrels to complete fermentation in barrel.

Barrels were racked every 3 months.

Wine was aged 15 months in 100% new French oak barrels .

**Analysis:**

Alcohol: 14.9%

pH: 3.79

TA: 0.55 g/100ml

Cases Produced – 150

**Winemakers Notes:**

This merlot is filled with aromas of bright black cherries and currant, delivering an elegant and velvety finish.