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# ★ SKYFALL ☾

## VINEYARD

MERLOT

2014

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### Background

Skyfall Vineyard is named for the massive car-sized boulders scattered among the vines that literally look like they fell from the sky. These boulders were brought by Missoula glacial floods of the last Ice Age that cut the Columbia River. Floods deposited silt loam soils now layered with ancient volcanic ash. The complexity of these soils is ideal for cultivating optimal flavors in the grapes, making Skyfall a perfect vineyard site.

### Appellation

Columbia Valley, WA

### Sourcing

Yakima Valley, Walla Walla

### Varietal Composition

85% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc

### Winemaking

The grapes were picked at the peak of ripeness during the early morning to preserve maximum fruit expression. Once picked the fruit was de-stemmed, crushed and cold soaked for 24-48 hours until optimal color extraction was reached. The wines were put in oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and then aged for 9 months (68% American and 32% French Oak). The blend was then assembled and allowed to co-mingle for 30 days prior to bottling.

### Tasting Notes

Wonderful aromas of vanilla-infused black cherry on the nose, with notes of dried blueberry and black plums. Juicy flavors of blueberry and Bing cherry weave through the palate. Balanced acidity and soft velvety tannins on the finish.

### Technical Data

pH 3.73  
TA 5.7 g/L  
RS 3.0 g/L  
Alc. 14.37%

### Winegrower

David Minick