

# Helix

COLUMBIA VALLEY

2014 MERLOT

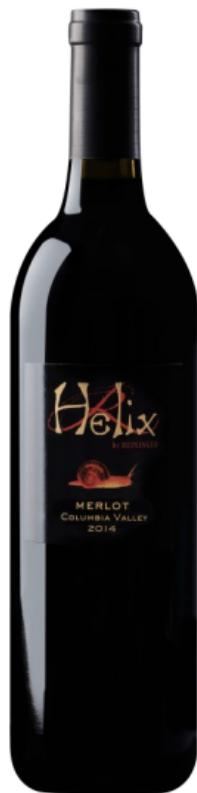
The first vintage of Helix Merlot was in 2003. Since that vintage, Helix has been producing a Merlot from Stillwater Creek and Bacchus Vineyard fruit. Highlights of past accolades include 92 points from *Wine Enthusiast* on the 2005 Stillwater Creek vintage, and 91 points from *Wine Spectator* for both the 2011 and 2012 vintages.

## HELIX WINES—MORE TO EXPLORE

Helix Wines are the culmination of a long, storied family history in the Washington and Oregon wine and agriculture industries and a reflection of our family's belief that farming and winemaking is all about discovery. Helix wines are produced by the same family who create REININGER at our Walla Walla Valley winery. Named for a farmstead in Helix, Oregon, where our grandparents met, married, and farmed, Helix is truly a reflection of our family's pioneering

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Where's the social justice for Merlot? Merlot is one of the World's classic red wine varietals, undeservedly vilified by Hollywood. Would you pay \$2000 for a bottle of Merlot? Many collectors do. Unbeknownst to most consumers, Merlot is perhaps the most sought-after wine in the world. Washington and the right bank of Bordeaux are the two best regions on the globe for growing this noble grape.

The 2014 Helix Merlot is a wonderful expression of pure Washington Merlot. It exhibits incredible red berry character and violet on the nose with a very judicious use of oak. A plush mouthfeel, accented by pillow-soft tannins, projects gorgeous fruit flavors of red and black raspberry, boysenberry, red currant, plum and cherry that glide across the palate to an unbelievable soft, slow finish. Pairs beautifully with both, non-spicy, white or red meat dishes. ~Chuck Reininger, Winemaker

<i>Blend:</i>	91% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon
<i>Vineyard:</i>	Bacchus & Phinny Hill
<i>Appellation:</i>	Columbia Valley
<i>Cooperage:</i>	55% American, 45% French (10% new oak)
<i>Alcohol:</i>	15.1%
<i>pH:</i>	3.71
<i>Acidity:</i>	5.8 g/L
<i>Bottling Date:</i>	July 2016
<i>Production:</i>	130 cases
<i>Release Date:</i>	Fall 2018
<i>Drink Between:</i>	2018-2023