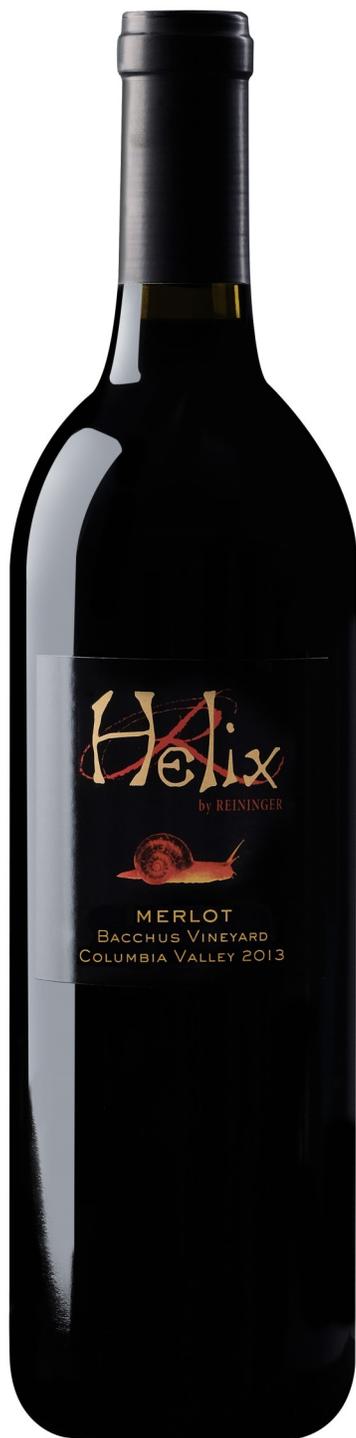


2013 Helix Bacchus Vineyard Merlot, *Columbia Valley*



DESCRIPTION

The 2013 Helix Merlot's garnet color portends its bold black raspberry and dark cherry fragrance that is accented by candied pecans, cedar, vanilla, and a mist of blended attar, rose petals and anise. The flavor begins by mirroring the nose, then adds plum and folds the fruit into dark chocolate. Succulent acidity elevates these flavors to mingle in wood spices with a pinch of dill all of which is contrasted by medium round-dry tannins. Enjoy this with grass fed pan fried hanger steak with a merlot reduction and wild mushrooms. ~Chuck Reininger, Winemaker

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Blend: 100% Merlot

Cooperage: 73% American, 18% French, 9% Russian, (15% New Oak)

Vineyards: Bacchus

Alc.: 14.8%

pH: 3.59

TA: 6.1 g/L

Bottled: July 2015

Total Cases Produced: 532

VINEYARD INFORMATION

BACCHUS Location is an extremely important factor in growing high quality grapes, and Bacchus Vineyard is situated on one of the finest sites in the state. Part of the larger Sagemoor Vineyards, which includes Sagemoor, Bacchus, and Dionysus vines, Bacchus is located near Pasco on a southwest facing hillside with dramatic views of the Columbia River below. In 1972, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chenin Blanc, Merlot Chardonnay and Riesling were planted in what is now Bacchus Vineyard.

HISTORY OF HELIX 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:

- 2004: Double Gold Medal, *Wine Press NW*; 90 points, *Wine Spectator*
- 2005 Stillwater Creek Vineyard: 92 points, *Wine Enthusiast*
- 2010: Double Gold Medal, *Wine Press NW*; Gold Medal, Seattle Wine Awards
- 2011: 91 points, *Wine Spectator*
- 2012: 91 points, *Wine Spectator*

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 background and strong sense of place. Since the first Helix vintage in 2002, our goal is to explore the diverse and unbounded Columbia Valley and to see for ourselves what the Columbia Valley vineyards are capable of producing.