

Featured Wine

2016 Knoll Haven Winery Wahluke Slope, Columbia Valley, Wash. Merlot

Wahluke Slope may be the best wine region you've never heard of.

Named after a Native American word for "watering place," it lies in south-central Washington. The area is geographically isolated, bordered by the Columbia River, Saddle Mountains and Hanford Reach National Monument.

Its major distinguishing feature is its uniformity in aspect, soil type and climate. The entire appellation lies on a broad, south-facing slope with a constant, gentle grade of less than 8%. Vineyards in the area already have crafted wines that have garnered high accolades. Wine Enthusiast awarded a 100-point rating to a wine from the region, and Wine Spectator named a wine made from Wahluke Slope fruit its Wine of the Year in 2009.

The 2016 Knoll Haven Winery Merlot is a benchmark example of Wahluke Slope wine. Richly textured, fruitful and finishing with an impression of bittersweet chocolate, it's destined for multiple slots on your wine rack.

At-A-Glance

Grape Composition:

Merlot

When to Drink:

Now Through 2021

Grape Source:

Wahluke Slope in Columbia
Valley Region of Washington

Our Tasting Panel Score:

92 Points

Aromas and Flavors:

Black Cherry, Blackberry
and Bittersweet Chocolate

This richly textured wine offers impressions of black cherry, blackberry and bittersweet chocolate.

FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: beef tenderloin with sake-mirin butter, potato gratin and Swiss chard greens.

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