

## **LUKE 2021 Merlot**

## Wahluke Slope AVA **Columbia Valley Washington State**

Vineyards: Weinbau, Clifton Hill, Rosebud & Stone Tree

Varietals: 95% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc

Alc: 14.8% pH: 3.84 TA: 5.3 g/L Vegan

French & American Oak 2,291 cases produced

**LUKE Merlot** reveals the hallmarks of great Washington merlot - dark red fruits, rounded tannins and an opulent, smooth finish. Born on the Wahluke Slope, LUKE Merlot's fresh flavors of plum, cherry and blackberry dominate the midpalate while earthy flavors of tobacco, cedar and clove marry the spices of vanilla and mocha to extend the wine's long lingering finish.

## **Vintage Ratings**

- 2021 91 Points James Suckling, 93 Points Wine Enthusiast & Cellar Selection
- 2020 90 Points Wine Enthusiast
- 2019 92 Points Wine Enthusiast, 91 Points Wine Spectator & Top 100 Wine in the World, #69
- 2018 92 Points Wine Enthusiast, 90 Points Vinous
- 2017 91 Points & Editor's Choice Wine Enthusiast,
  - 91 Points Tasting Panel Report, 90 Points Wine Spectator

2016 - 90 Points Wine Spectator

I heard stories about him for years, saw him in the flesh a few times, and spoke to him only once. The true depth of a man's character is often unknowable, but even one conversation was enough to convince me that Luke was an imitation of no one. He revealed himself slowly, like a freed wind emerging from the shadow of a mountain. Seemingly ordinary at first, but undeniably complex. Bold and determined, but unabashedly generous.

