

# flying fish

## Washington Merlot



Flying Fish Merlot is crafted from hand selected parcels of fruit grown on small vineyards throughout the Columbia Valley. This well balanced, fruit-expressive wine truly demonstrates the outstanding and affordable quality of Washington State Merlot.

Brand	Flying Fish
Vintage	2004
Blend	78% Merlot, 16% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Malbec
Appellation	Columbia Valley
Vintage Notes	The beginning of 2004 was very cold which gave way to a relatively warm spring, followed by a very hot summer. This led to the earliest-ever start of harvest. Some rains occurred around the valley which delayed the picking of most varieties, and physiologically ripening the reds. The dramatic changes created an environment that turned the earliest vintage into one of the latest for the reds. The winemakers loved the results and believe that it will make for excellent vintage for most reds including Merlot while the whites from the same vintage may be variable.
Vintage Comparison	The 2004 vintage for Washington State reds received an 89 (very good) rating from the Wine Enthusiast. This follows two "excellent" and one "classic" vintage, demonstrating the outstanding consistency now available in Columbia Valley red wines.
Total Acidity g/100ml	0.63
Alcohol %	13.5
pH	3.54
Residual Sugar g/100ml	1.0
Bottling Date	7/2006
Barrels	The wine was aged in both French and American barrels for nine months.
Tasting Notes	Rich, sumptuous bright cherry and blueberry aromas and flavors, enhanced with nuances of mocha and vanillin oak, a lush, full palate, soft tannins and lingering finish.
Food Pairings	Strong cheeses, grilled fish, salmon, Mediterranean-style pasta, grilled beef and chocolate desserts



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A portion of the proceeds from every bottle of Flying Fish sold is donated to The Ocean Conservancy to help them continue their mission of promoting healthy and diverse ocean ecosystems through research, education, and science-based advocacy.

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12"x 23" · 5 to a pack

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