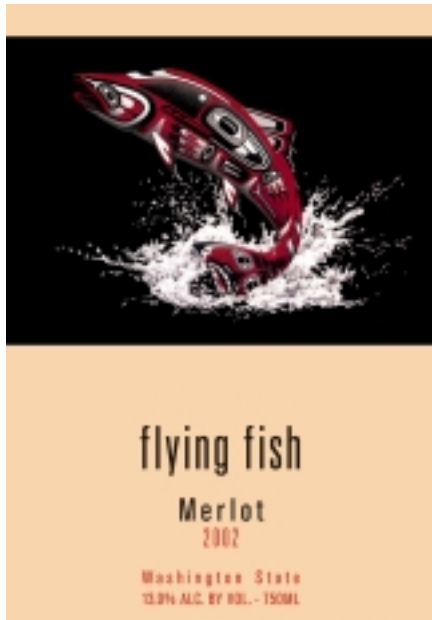


FLYING FISH



Merlot 2002

Background

The 2002 vintage in Washington started out with a cool spring, which resulted in a poor fruit set followed by a heat wave that shrank the grapes and reduced yield. Smaller berries and reduced yield are both pluses that lead many to believe the 2002 vintage will be along the lines of 1999 for reds.

For the inaugural vintage of Flying Fish Merlot, small parcels of fruit were selected from several vineyards throughout the Columbia Valley. By blending fruit from different vineyards, the winemaking team at Big Fluke created a well-balanced, fruit expressive wine, with a nuance of oak that demonstrates the outstanding quality of Merlot available from the Columbia Valley. Each vineyard in the final blend contributes important aspects to the finished wine.

Winemaker ~ Big Fluke Wine Company

100% Merlot

Alcohol ~ 13.9%

Size ~ 750ml

Winemaker Notes

The 2002 Flying Fish Merlot has concentrated mocha, vanilla and blueberry aromas along with a very deep purple hue, a hint of oak and a lingering finish.

Drinks well now or will age up to four years.