

# 2018 VALERY

## *Right Bank Bordeaux - Style Red Blend*

**The Story of This Wine.** Valery is named for the Patron Saint of Wine in the St. Emilion region that inspired it. We started with old vine Merlot from a stony block in the heart of the Yakima Valley and added complex, aromatic Cabernet Franc from the Horse Heaven Hills. The result is a balanced, complex wine with the elegance and ethereal perfume that this blend of two of Washington's best varietals are known for.

**Winemaker's Tasting Note.** "This is a dark-hued and large-scaled vintage for Valery, with deep dark red fruits—black cherry and plum, thyme, bay leaf, bittersweet chocolate, licorice, and crushed stone. Exceptionally rich and seamless on the palate, with a silky texture, tons of dark cherry and currant coulis, tobacco, anise seed, and crushed herbs that carry on through the finish. Despite the depth on the palate, a lively acidity really keeps this wine well balanced and food-friendly. Like all of the 2018s, this will have a long life ahead in the cellar. Drink 2023-2035." - Chris Peterson, Winemaker

**Vintage:** 2018

**Blend:** 89% Merlot,  
11% Cabernet Franc

**Winemaking:** Native yeast fermentation, aged 20 months in 28% new French oak. Bottled unfiltered, unfiltered.

**Alcohol:** 14.7%

**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**Vineyards:**

Boushey Vineyard  
Merlot, 1986 planting

Champoux Vineyard  
Cabernet Franc, 1997 planting

**Cases:** 210

**Release:** March 2021

**Jeb Dunnuck - 94 points**

"Deep ruby/plum-hued, with a great nose of black cherries, plums, dried herbs, and violets, it hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, a round, expansive texture, soft tannins, and a great finish. This ripe, plump, sexy Merlot has loads of character and will keep for a decade. It has a certain Pomerol-like elegance, and I'm a fan" - JD

