



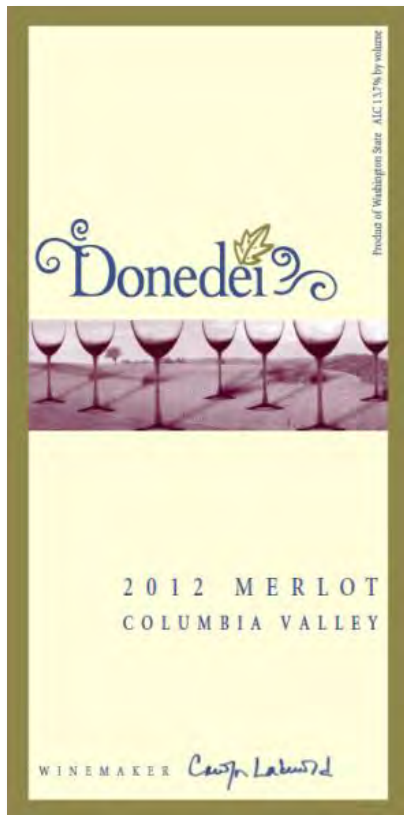
2011 MERLOT

• Columbia Valley AVA •

All grapes for *Donedei* wines are hand-picked, sorted and gently crushed - we are 100% free run, which means we do not press (very unusual) to enhance concentration and color intensity and then ferment in small lots using proprietary yeasts. In addition, our wines are un-filtered and un-fined so we recommend decanting a bottle before enjoying. Our team takes great pride in what we do and we hope it shows in every glass.

Our 2011 Merlot is a big and chewy wine with finesse and character that will linger in the mouth for a very long time - often mistaken for a cabernet sauvignon. Big dark fruit with hints of cherry and spice. Tannins are forward but don't take the enamel off of your teeth. This wine will cellar for a long time but is ready now. Try with rich sauce based full-bodied meat dishes and cheese.

Craig Lakewood
WINEMAKER



WINE DATA

GRAPE VARIETIES & VINEYARD SOURCES

MERLOT	80%
CABERNET FRANC	10%
CABERNET SAUVIGNON	10%

VINEYARD SOURCES

70% Ciel du Cheval Vineyard, Red Mountain & 30% Elephant Mountain Vineyard, Rattlesnake Hills

OAK & BOTTLE AGING

34 months in French & American oak (50/50); 40% new & 60% neutral; minimum 6 months in bottle

ANALYSIS AT HARVEST

Harvest:	mid-Sept. thru late Oct., 2011
Average Brix	26.0
Average TA	0.54%
Average pH	3.40

ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Bottling:	Nov. 2014
Residual Sugar	<0.1%
TA	0.60%
pH	3.70
Alcohol	13.5%

PRODUCTION: 400 cases

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