

### 2018 Merlot Critical Acclaim

#### JAMESSUCKLING.COM ₹

91 pts.

"Stewed plums, chocolate orange, tar and vanilla on the nose. It's medium-to full-bodied with sleek tannins and a creamy, rounded palate. Supple and smooth finish."

#### **JEB** DUNNUCK

92 pts.

"...lots of black cherry and dark currant fruits as well as medium to full-bodied richness, some violet and chocolatey herb notes, a kiss of background oak, and a great finish."



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"...shows off beautiful cocoa powder covered Bing cherry and sandalwood tones alongside graphite and red raspberry cordial on this beautiful bouquet. The palate is deep and plush, showing off a silky texture and great sense of mouthfeel. Rich red and dark fruits parade alongside milk chocolate and coffee grounds on the palate."

## vinous

93 pts.

"plump mouthfeel and silky tannin profile... the wine yields dense loganberry and huckleberry flavors that meld with espresso bean, cigar ash and salty undercurrents. Finishing long, this is delightful Merlot to savor now and over the next fourteen years to come."

# **WINE ENTHUSIAST**

92 pts.

"Merlot is capable of reaching high heights in Washington, particularly in Walla Walla Valley, with this producer consistently producing outstanding examples. ...expressive, with notes of dark raspberry, dried herbs, red cherry and assorted barrel spices. The flavors are plump in feel but show lovely deftness and freshness. It's nearly irresistible now but will only get better with time..."

# Wine&Spirits

91 pts.

"...exceedingly well built, with scents of cured meat, plum and mocha spice, all delivered with formidable intensity."