

# *Barons*

## 2015 Petit Barone

**Vintage Notes:** The 2015 vintage was a challenging year for Washington State. It was the hottest growing season on record, a step up from the hot 2013 vintage and even hotter 2014. While most Washington producers weathered the heat quite well in the previous two years, 2015 appeared to present more challenges which revealed themselves in a number of ways: From slightly underripe seeming fruit particularly with the tannins to overripe fruit that, at times, could even seem slightly desiccated. The challenges of 2015 are by no means a reason to step away from the vintage. In fact, the best examples from this season are as high quality as previous years.

**Tasting:** This classic Bordeaux blend of 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon is dark ruby with complex aromas of ripe black berries, blue berries, and plums, licorice and coffee. The mouth is filled with dark fruit flavors, minerality, full-bodied and balanced textures, leading to a lingering finish. This wine is versatile, pairing well with most meats, red sauced pasta dishes, or a charcuterie board. This wine should age well over the next 6-8 years.



**Vintage:** 2015

**pH:** 3.71

**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**Acidity:** 5.7 g/L

**Composition:**

85% Merlot

15% Cab Sauv

**Alcohol:** 14.2%

**Vineyards:**

Hedges Estate

Rosebud

**Winemaking:**

20 months in barrel,

50% New

50% Neutral

French Oak

**Production:** 369 cases

**Release:** Spring 2019

**Aging:** 7-10 years

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