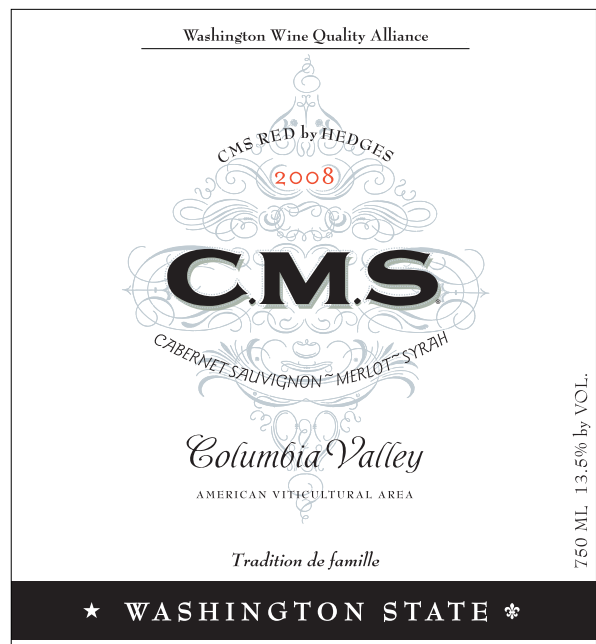




HEDGES

Family Estate



2008 CMS Red by Hedges

Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot Syrah

Viticulture Area:	Columbia Valley
Winemaker:	Pete Hedges
Blend:	46% Cabernet Sauvignon 48% Merlot 6% Syrah
Release Date:	October 2009
Production	63,000 cases
Alcohol:	13.5%
pH	3.81
Titrateable Acid:	5.0 g/L

Tasting Notes

Dark purple in color with a nose of black cherry, cassis, with hints of tar, tobacco and sweet vanilla toast. Black cherry and blackberry fruit continue on the palate with dried herbs and licorice. A nicely balanced wine with enough acid and tannins to make this a more serious longer lived wine that pairs nicely with food.

Cellaring

This wine is drinking well now but has the structure and balance to improve over the next two to six years.

Production

Grapes were sourced from the Horse Heaven vineyards, Destiny Ridge, Columbia Valley vineyards: Bacchus, Weinbau, Wooded Island, Sagemoor, and Goose Ridge with 17% Red Mountain Vineyards. About 60% French oak and 40% American oak split with some lots stored for up to 10 months in barrels.

Harvest Notes

2008 was cooler year beginning in the spring and continuing through the summer. Delaying bud break and harvest which began 5 to 10 days later than normal. Fall, however, was great. Warm days and cool nights gave the fruit enough time to ripen thoroughly and evenly ensuring great color and enough tannins for longer aging potential.