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SNIPES MOUNTAIN
RED MOUNTAIN
CANDY MOUNTAIN
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Washington Wine Country

Fort Vancouver, Washington Territory, in 1859, Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Div. Washington, D.

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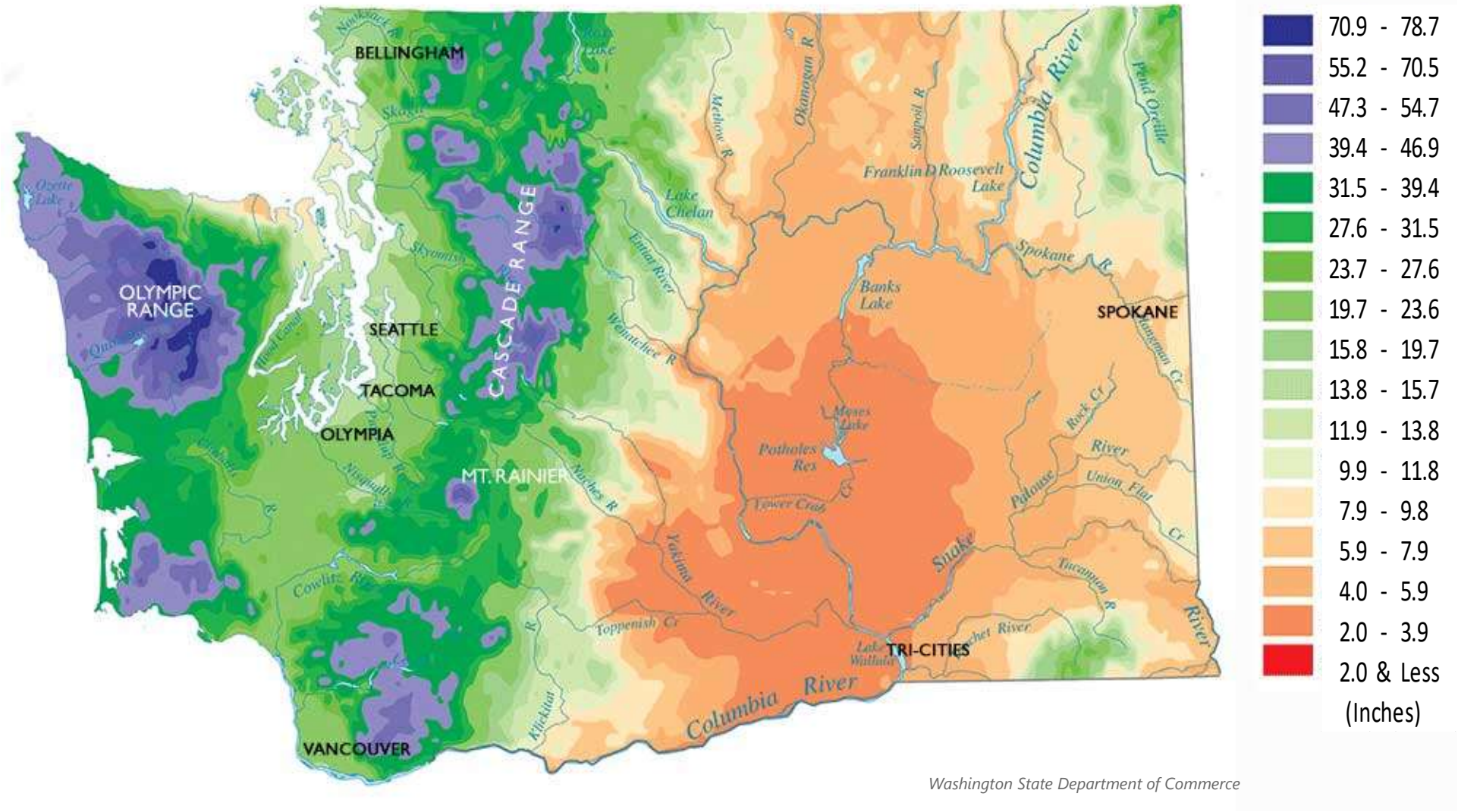

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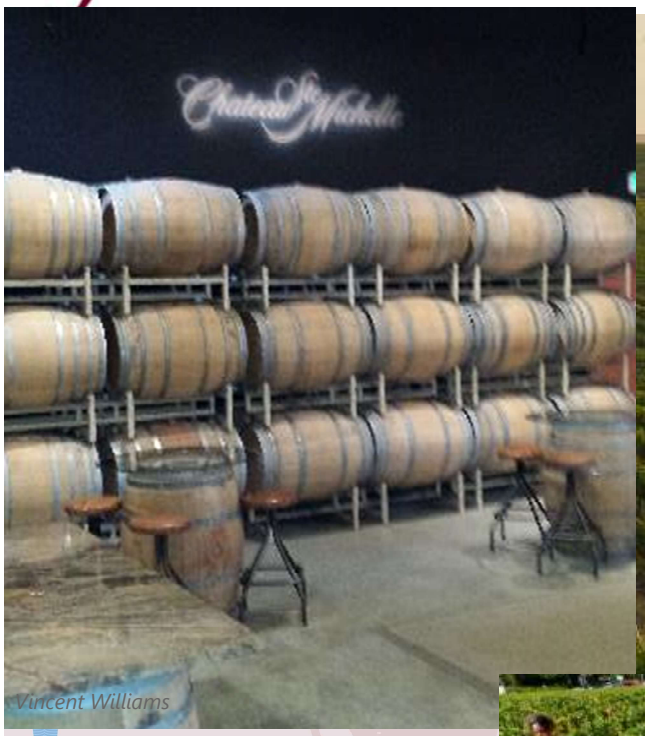
Washington Wine Country



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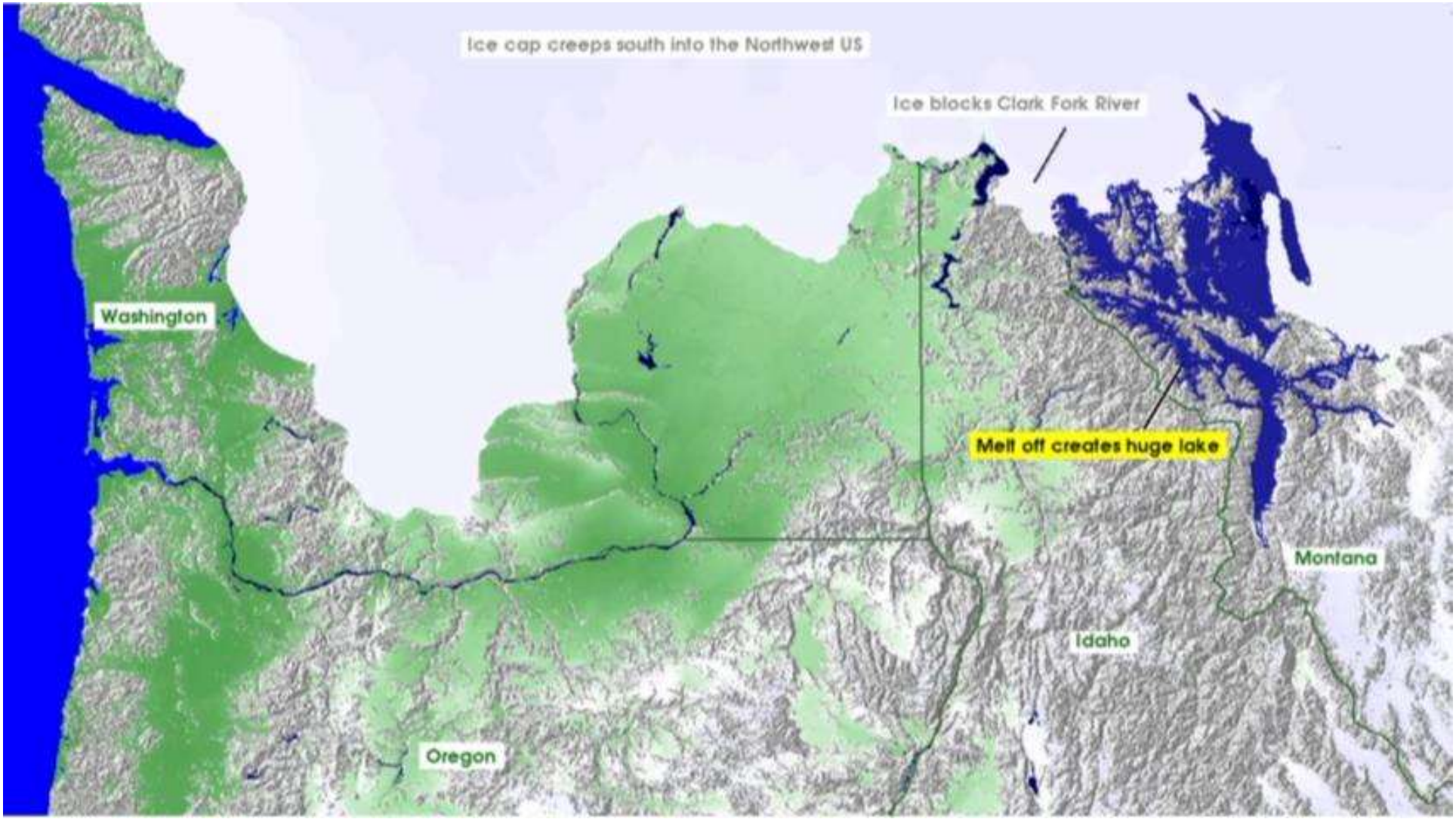

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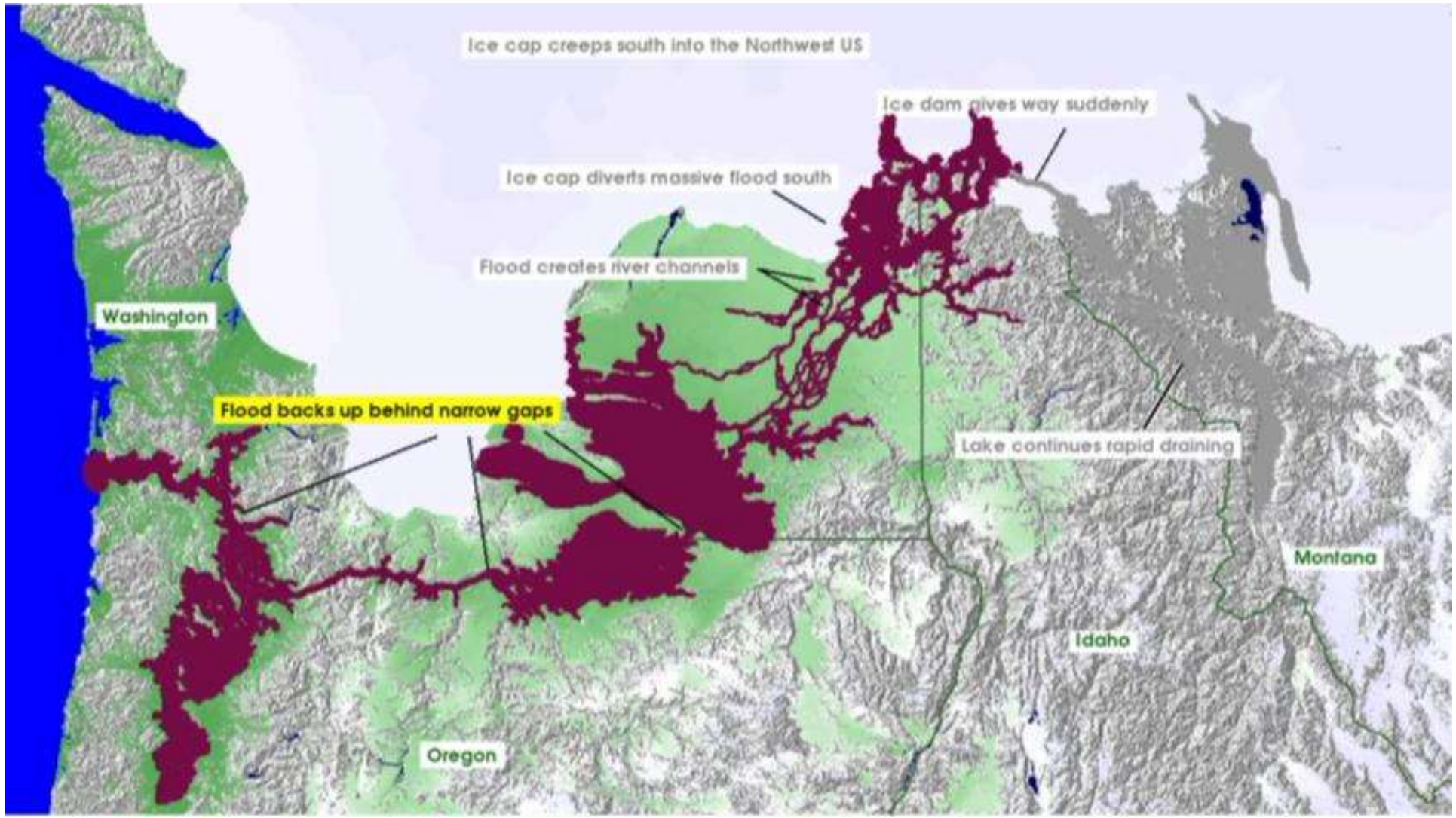
Ice cap creeps south into the Northwest US
Ice dam gives way suddenly
Ice cap diverts massive flood south
Flood creates river channels
Washington
Flood backs up behind narrow gaps
Lake continues rapid draining
Montana
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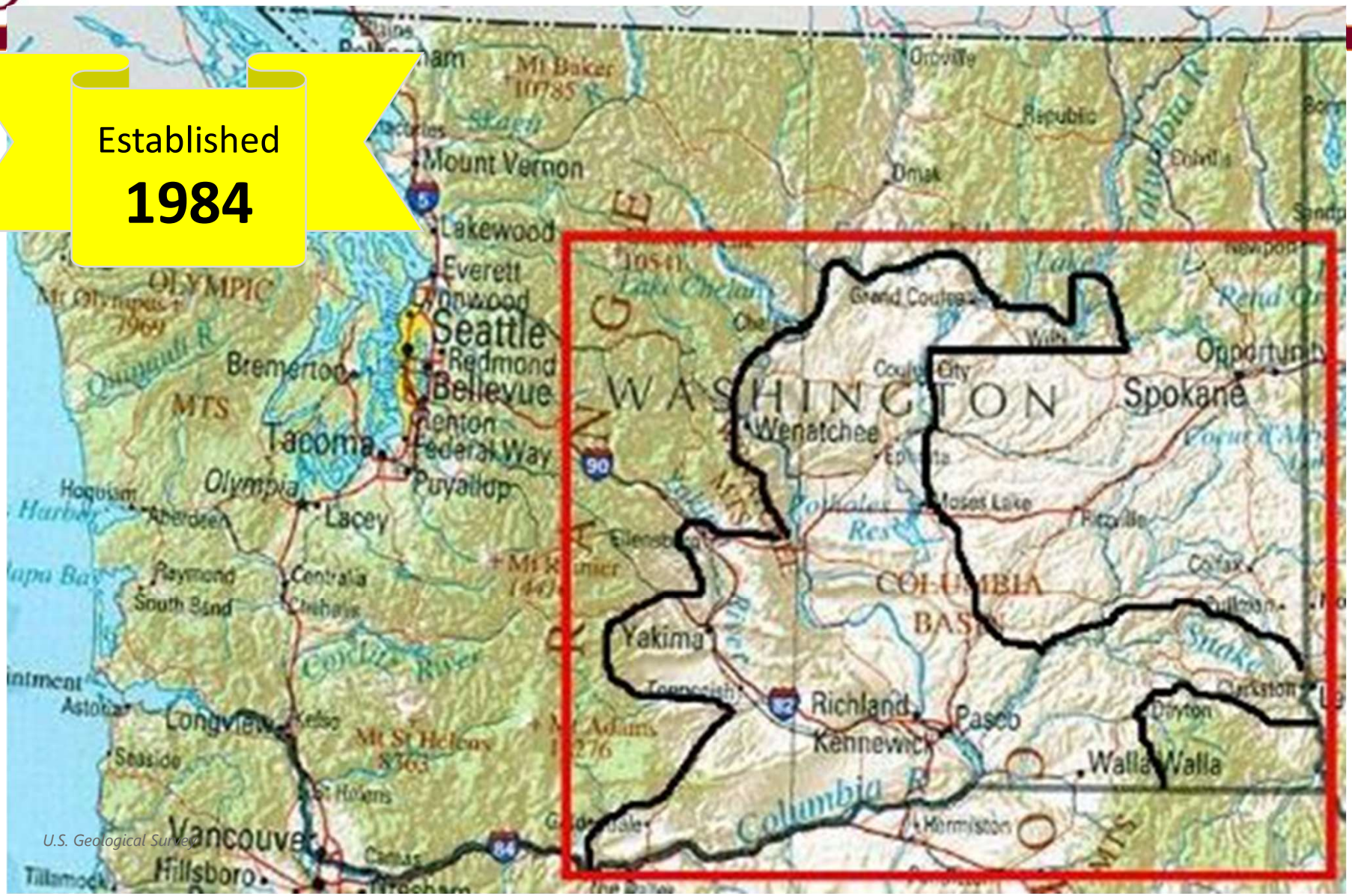
Columbia Valley AVA

Established
1984



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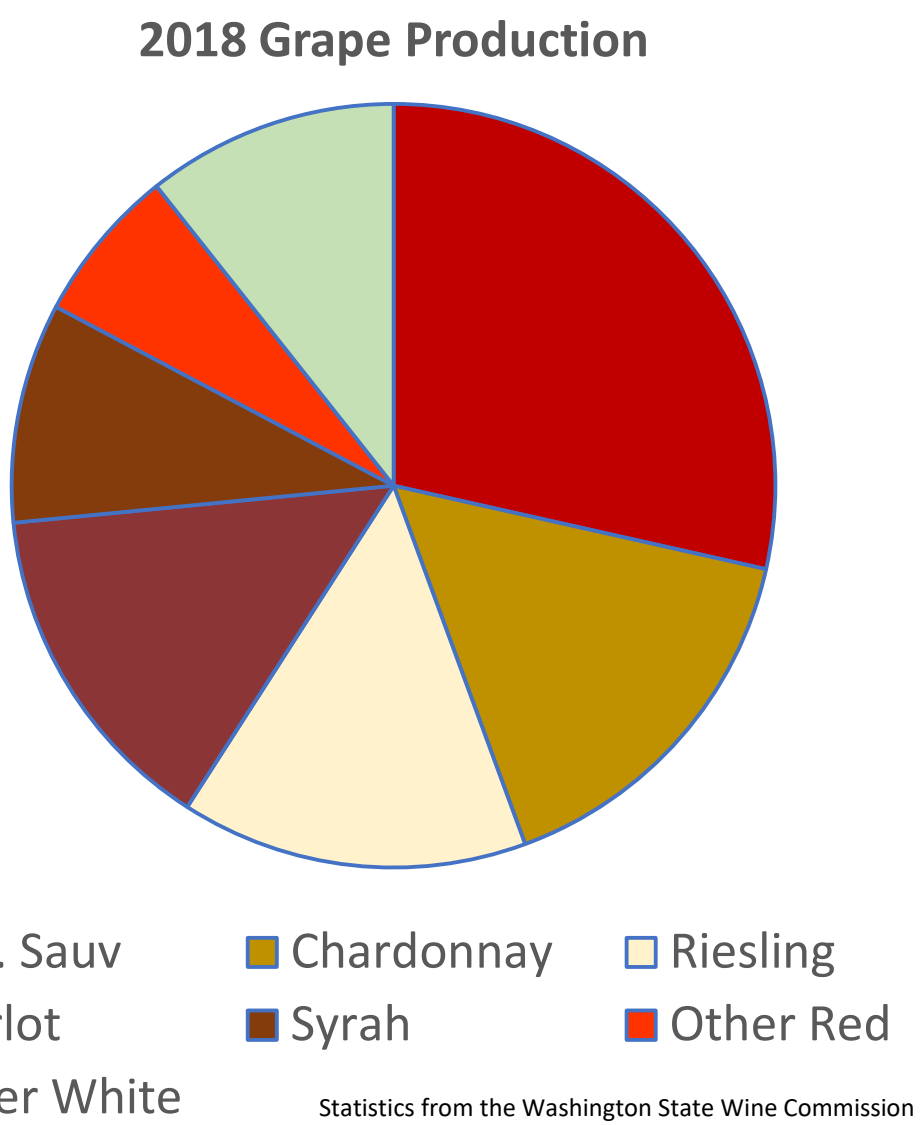

Statistics from the Washington State Wine Commission

INTRINSIC™
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Intrinsic
Red Wine Blend
Columbia Valley AVA

AVA:	Horse Heaven Hills
Vineyard:	various
Vintage:	2016
Grapes:	52% Cabernet Franc, 44% Malbec
	3% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Merlot
Alcohol:	14.5%
Sugar:	0.5g/100ml

"For me, Malbec and Cabernet Franc go together like peanut butter and jelly. This wine opens with refined notes of raspberry, white tea leaves, a hint of fresh mint and lavender. The flavors are layered with milk chocolate, fig reduction, dark plum and licorice root, and the texture is angular, yet sophisticated, with chocolate ganache details in the finish."

– Juan Muñoz Oca, Winemaker

INTRINSIC™
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Intrinsic
Red Wine Blend
Columbia Valley AVA

AVA: Horse Heaven Hills
Vineyard: various
Vintage: 2016
Grapes: 4% Malbec
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Alcohol:
Sugar:

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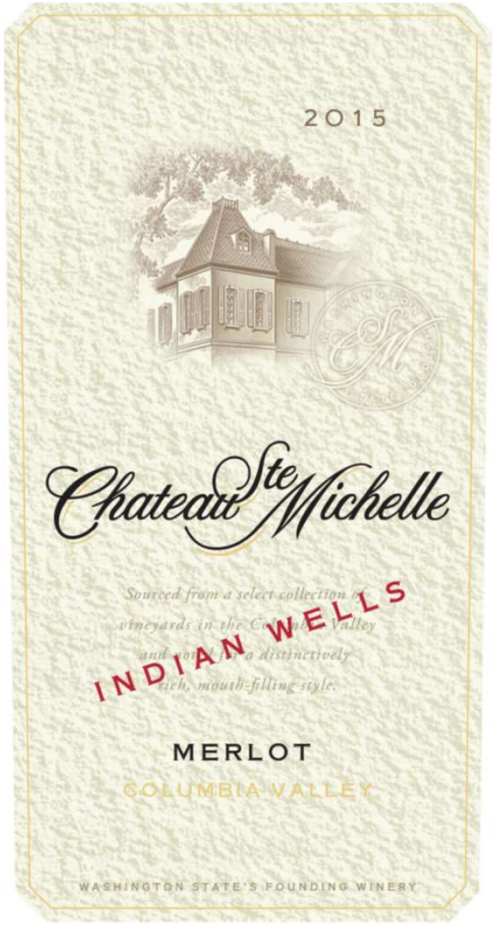
Indian Wells Merlot
Columbia Valley AVA

AVA:	Wahluke Slope
Vineyard:	Indian Wells Vineyard & others
Vintage:	2016
Grapes:	84% Merlot, 16% Syrah
Alcohol:	14.5%
Sugar:	0.55g/100ml

"The Indian Wells Merlot offers ripe berry fruit aromas and jammy flavors. This is a full-bodied style of warm climate Merlot with a round, supple finish. We added Wahluke Slope Syrah to enhance the mouthfeel and rich fruit character. I call this my pasta wine!"

Bob Bertheau, Winemaker



Indian Wells Merlot
Columbia Valley AVA

AVA: Wahluke Slope
Vineyard: Indian Wells Vineyard & others
Vintage: 20
Grapes: 84
Alcohol: 14.
Sugar: 0.5

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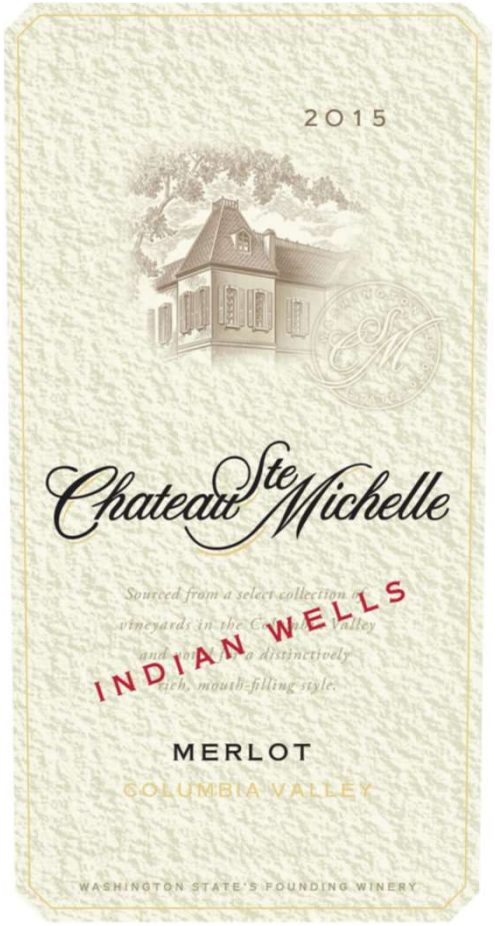
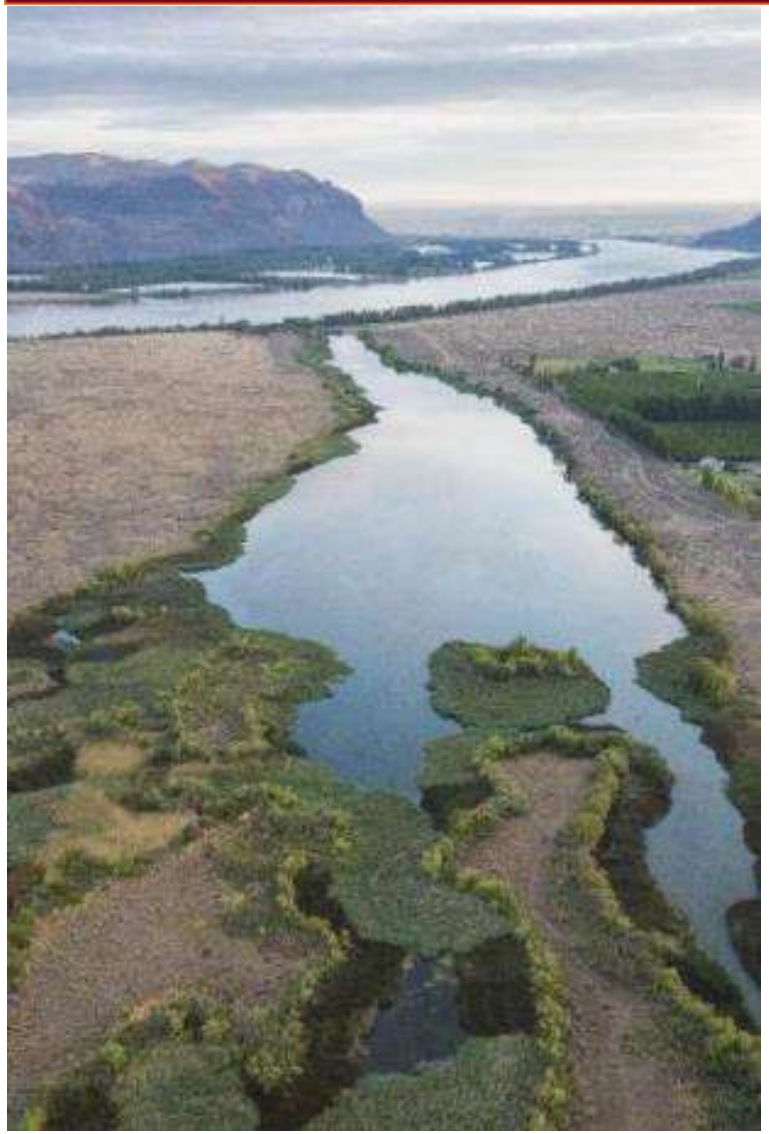


Wahluke Slope AVA

Established
2005

Wahluke Slope AVA



SEVEN FALLS
CELLARS

Seven Falls Cellars Merlot
Wahluke Slope AVA

AVA:	Wahluke
Vintage:	2018
Vineyard:	Mrachek, Jones, Indian Wells, Mattawa Vineyards
Grapes:	100% Merlot
Alcohol:	14.5%
Sugar:	< 1

"The Seven Falls Merlot is complex and layered, filled with bright cherry, blackberry, black currant and herbs. This wine is juicy and full bodied with hints of cocoa and a rich, silky mouthfeel. It has softer tannins which enhance the flavors of milder foods."

Doug Gore, Winemaker

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Seven Falls Cellars Merlot
Wahluke Slope AVA

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Grapes: 1
Alcohol: 1
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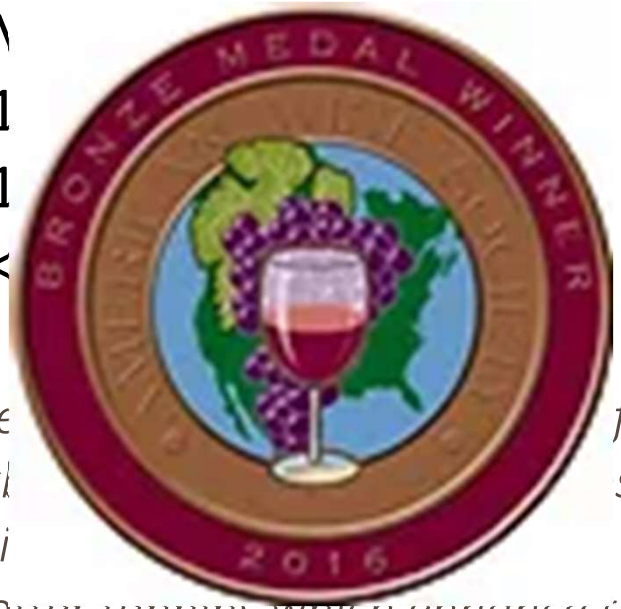

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Horse Heaven Hills

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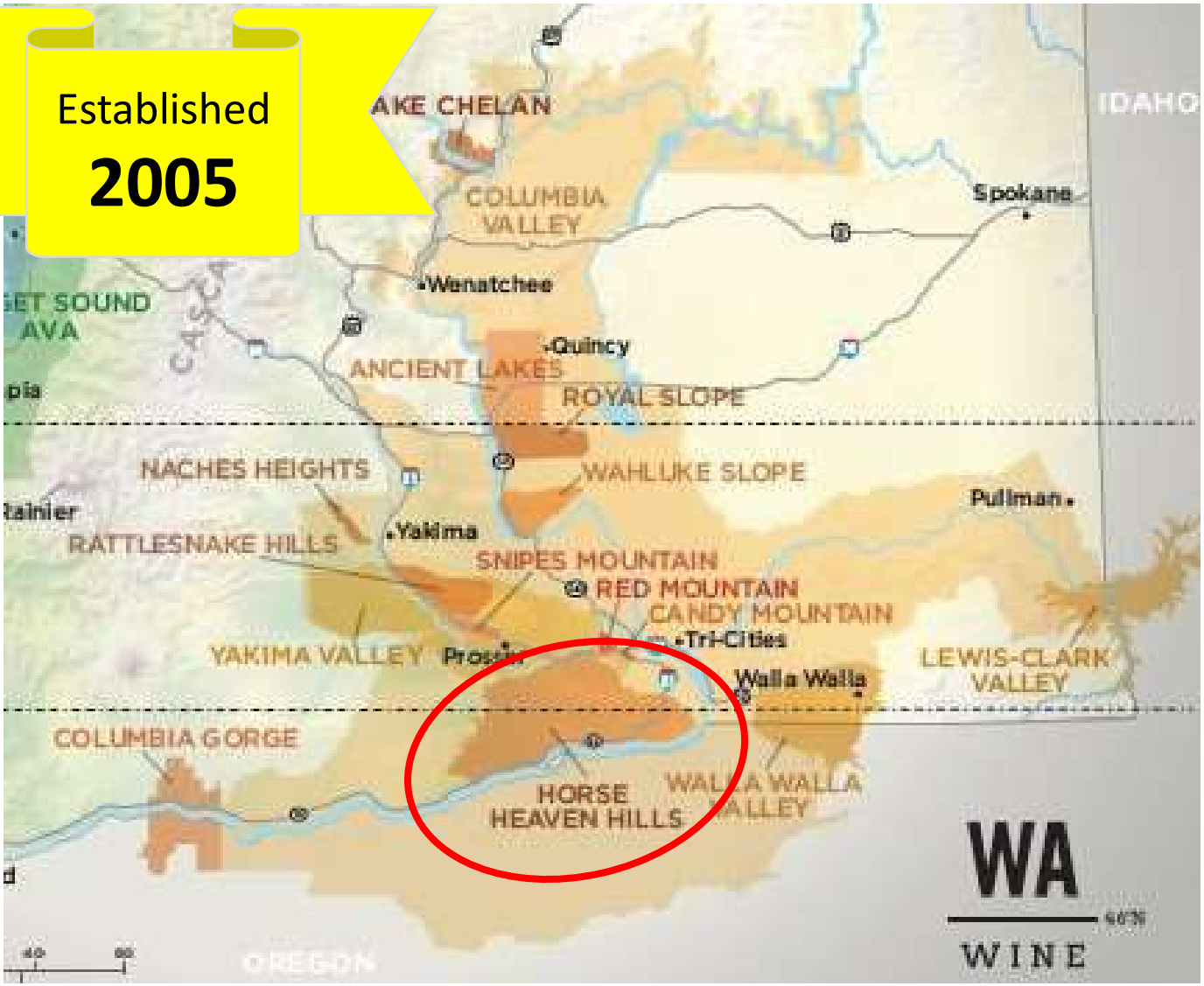

Horse Heaven Hills

Horse Heaven Hills is a photograph by Jerry Sodom

COLUMBIA CREST

Horse Heaven Hills Chardonnay

AVA: Horse Heaven Hills
Vintage: 2015
Vineyard: Horse Heaven Hills Vineyard
Grapes: 99% Chardonnay/1% Riesling
Alcohol: 13.5%
Sugar: < 1

" This elegant, medium-bodied Chardonnay opens with aromas of spiced pear and freshly sliced apples with notes of blossoms and honey. Hints of toasty coconut join flavors of white orchard fruits, pineapple, grapefruit and sweet oak, ending with a lengthy finish of creamy vanilla."

–Juan Muñoz Oca, Winemaker

COLUMBIA CREST

Horse Heaven Hills Chardonnay

AVA: Horse Heaven Hills
Vintage: 20
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Grapes: 99 ng
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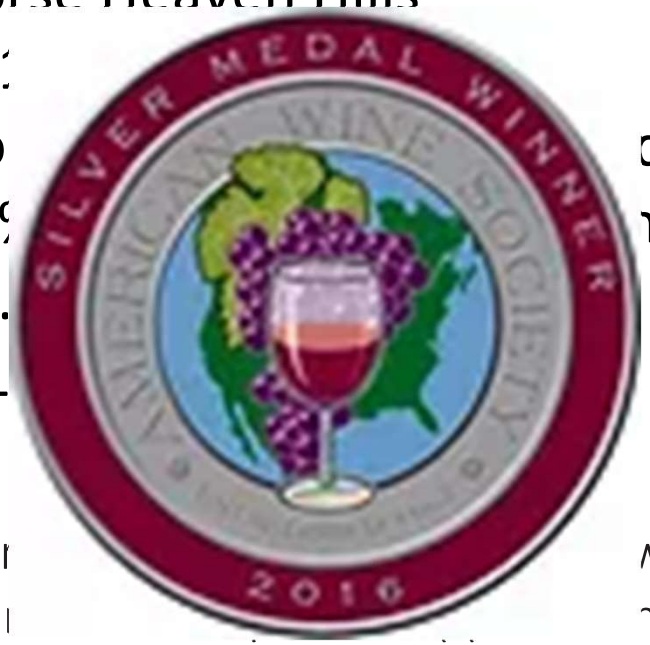

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COLUMBIA CREST

Horse Heaven Hills 2016 Merlot

AVA:	Horse Heaven Hills
Vineyard:	Horse Heaven Hills Vineyard
Vintage:	2015
Grapes:	100% Merlot
Alcohol:	14.5%
Sugar:	< 1

"This medium-bodied Merlot delivers aromas of spice and blackberry with the perfect balance of earth, cocoa and ripe cherry notes on the palate. The complex flavors are followed by a smooth, velvety finish."

Juan Muñoz Oca, Winemaker

COLUMBIA CREST

Horse Heaven Hills
2016 Merlot

AVA: Hc
Vineyard: Hc
Vintage: 20
Grapes: 10
Alcohol: 14
Sugar: < 1

"This medium-bodied Merlot delivers aromas of spice and blackberry with the perfect balance of earth, cocoa and ripe cherry notes on the palate. The complex flavors are followed by a smooth, velvety finish."

Juan Muñoz Oca, Winemaker

Walla Walla Valley AVA

Established
1984

Walla Walla Valley AVA

- Over 120 wineries
- Hot days, cool nights
- Missoula flood sediment, silt and basalt cobblestone
- Grows mostly: Cab Sauv, Syrah, Merlot, Cab Franc, Malbec, Chard, Viognier, Sangiovese

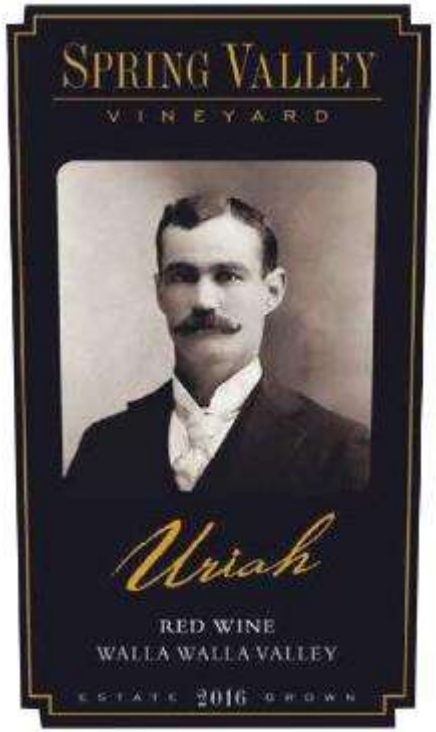
Spring Valley Vineyard
Walla Walla AVA

- Established in 1897 in the Walla Walla Valley AVA
- 111 acres planted in 1993
- Grapes are hand-tended from planting to harvest

https://www.springvalleyvineyard.com/winemaking/vineyard_map

Uriah Red Wine
Walla Walla Valley AVA

AVA:	Walla Walla Valley
Vineyard:	Spring Valley
Vintage:	2015
Grapes:	43% Cabernet Franc, 38% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot, and 2% Malbec
Alcohol:	14.5%



"Our most terroir driven blend, mostly Cabernet Franc and Merlot. A rich wine coming from one of the warmest harvests. The tannins are velvety and the finish is long and soft."

~ Serge Laville, Winemaker

Uriah Red Wine
Walla Walla Valley AVA

AVA: Walla Walla Valley
Vineyard:
Vintage:
Grapes: lot,
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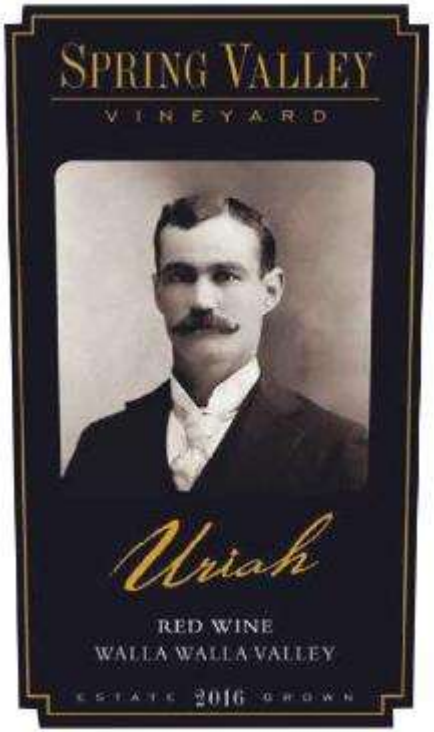
Alcohol:



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