

SNOQUALMIE™

Naked 2007 Merlot Columbia Valley

Vintage

- The 2007 growing season was very similar to the 2005 vintage – warm at the beginning and average temperatures throughout the rest of the season.
- As with 2005, this vintage lacked rainfall from the start of the season, which led to smaller canopy growth and good, early fruit exposure.
- Ripening conditions and temperatures were excellent and low wind was reported throughout the season.
- Bud break occurred right on schedule and the onset of veraison was one week earlier than usual, an indication of a smaller crop with intense flavors and good sugar development.

Vineyards

- Snoqualmie's Naked wines are produced from 100% organically grown grapes from USDA certified organic vineyards in the Horse Heaven Hills American Viticultural Area.
- Also referred to as the "O" zone, these vineyard sites enjoy a green cover of beneficial native grasses and cereal grains, which helps reduce soil erosion and provides habitat to attract beneficial insects.
- Grapes sourced from these special vineyards create juicy, fruity white wines and red with bright, balanced finishes.

Winemaking

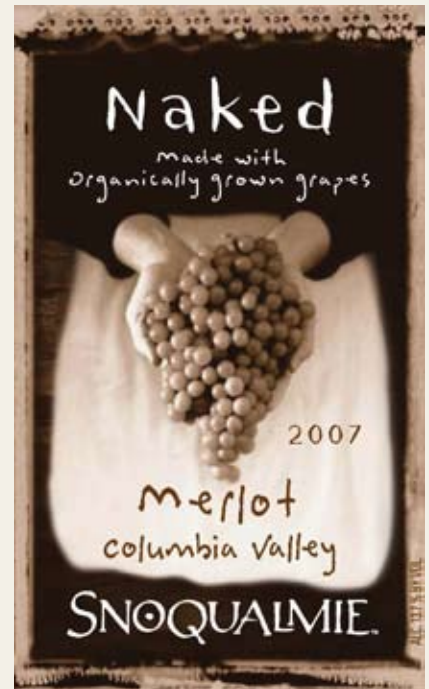
- Grapes were destemmed and crushed into fermenters for a two-day cold soak.
- After inoculating with *Prise de Mousse* yeast, the grapes were fermented on the skins for four days with gentle, twice daily spray-overs to achieve additional extraction of color and tannin.
- Malolactic fermentation was induced.
- After fermentation, wine aged 9 months in 12% new French Oak barrels.

Winemaker comments

"Pure varietal fruit expression in the nose, with ample structure and lingering natural fruit flavors on the palate - like eating fresh Merlot berries off the vine."

Joy Andersen
WINEMAKER

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Technical Data

Vineyards	100% Horse Heaven Hills, 100% Columbia Valley
First harvest	October 24, 2007
Brix	24.8

Fermentation Data

Length	4 days on skins
Yeast type	<i>Prise de Mousse</i>

Wine Analysis

Total acidity	0.55g/100ml
pH	3.58
Alcohol	13.7%
Blend	100% Organically Grown Merlot