

# TRIUMPH WASHINGTON

## **AVAILABLE FEBRUARY, 2015**

#### REGION

Yakima Valley, Washington

Overlooked by Mount Adams and moderated by the Yakima River, this valley is Washington's coolest and oldest wine region. Despite this honour, its macroclimate allows Bordeaux's (or "Meritage" in North America) three big star grapes to ripen well here. The Yakima Valley is known for its agricultural abundance, and grapes are quickly becoming recognized as the powerhouses.

### WINE

This blend of Bordeaux's finest; Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot is proof that "if it ain't broke, don't fix it". These three friends all work so well together, and each contributes their individual strength to the wine. Cabernet Sauvignon, or "King Cab", brings the structure with his firm tannins and adds complexity with his aromas of cassis and black currant. Cabernet Franc adds spice, with his peppery nose and red fruit undertones. Merlot likes to round things out with his approachable plum and cherry characteristics and his softer, rounder body. Together, they really do create a harmonious blend.

Think of dishes that warm your stomach: beef stroganoff in the winter, steak on the barbecue in the summer, or simply aged cheddar for any time of year.

## **FEATURED RECIPE:**

Wild Mushroom And Arugula Ragi

Get this recipe and more at www.winexpert.com/LE14

Sweetness: Dry Body: Medium-Full Alcohol: 13.5%\*

\*Alcohol level based on following Winexpert winemaking instructions.



