

# Preston

PREMIUM WINES



## LONG TAIL LIZARD — 2008 MERLOT

Established 1976—Columbia Valley—Washington State

### Winemaking & Vintage...

2008 was cooler and drier than average this year. This results in vibrant acids and nice fruit forward flavors, with smooth inviting textures. Fermented in closed top stainless steel tanks for 17 days, pressed dried and aged in small oak barrels for 18 months.



This Merlot was aged in American and new French oak making it rich and smooth. Enjoy with a plate of spaghetti and meatballs, or bring to a social gathering and share with friends.

*No lizards were harmed in the making of this wine.*

### Bottling Analysis...

- ALCOHOL : 12.5%
- RESIDUAL SUGAR: .0%
- TOTAL ACIDITY: 0.578 G/100 ML
- PH: 3.42

### Harvest Data...

- HARVEST DATE: 9/30/08
- AVERAGE SUGAR: 23.7 % BRX
- TOTAL ACIDITY: .588 G/100ML
- PH: 3.39

### Tasting Notes From Our Winemaker...

Spicy oak and cherry on the nose. Flavors of blackberry and cherry brighten the palate with spice and chokecherry on the finish.

- Dave Harvey, Winemaker



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## *A Family Tradition Continues...*

- Our family is a pioneer in the Washington Wine Industry. We planted our first vines in 1972, becoming the first to plant and produce the Merlot grape in Washington State; and in 1976, we became the third licensed winery.
- Family traditions continue today, as we remain one of the few wineries in Washington State still family owned and now operated by second and third generations.
- Presently, owner Brent Preston oversees operations; his wife Michele works in administration and oversees the wine club, while, his daughter Chenyn Preston-Johnson manages the tasting room, gift shop, and special events.
- Our winery has a large tasting room and extensive gift shop featuring many specialty items. We carry an array of library wines and ports exclusive to our tasting room. Additionally, we offer a self-guided tour with viewing windows of our cellar and bottling line and a variety of displays including our own corkscrew collection.
- The large deck adjacent to the tasting room provides a panorama of our 157 acres of vinifera vineyard and is the perfect place to relax with a glass of our Estate Grown wines as you enjoy the breathtaking views of the Columbia Valley and Rattlesnake Mountain.
- Winery grounds (available for rental) contain manicured parks that are great for picnicking and include an amphitheater, a gorgeous waterfall and a gazebo perfect for events such as outdoor weddings and receptions.
- For smaller gatherings, such as private parties, dinners, corporate events or private tastings, the tasting room and attached outdoor deck are another alternative and hold approximately 100 guests.
- Our wines are all Estate Grown and include the following varieties: Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Gamay Noir, White Riesling, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah and Cabernet Franc.



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