

	Retail	Savings
<b>\$38.99</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>	<b>13%</b>

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## 2015 Mullan Road Cellars Red Blend product-timed-pdf - Columbia Valley, Washington - 94pts WA | 92pts JD | Dennis Cakebread!!!

### Why We're Drinking It

**94pts Wine Advocate:** *The 2015 Columbia Valley Red Wine opens in the glass with aromas of cassis, plums, sweet spices and burning embers. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, deep and layered, with lovely concentration, an abundance of fine-grained tannins and a pure, penetrating finish. A blend of 49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot and 17% Cabernet Franc, 3,570 cases of this excellent red were produced.*

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**92pts Jeb Dunnock:** *The soft, sexy, decadently styled 2015 Red Wine Blend offers loads of sweet red and black fruits, spice box, chocolate, and leafy herb aromatics. These carry to a ripe, full-bodied beauty that has sweet tannin, not a hard edge to be found, and a good finish. It's a sexpot of a wine to drink over the coming 7-8 years. The blend is 49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, and 17% Cabernet Franc, aged 18 months in 34% new French and American oak barrels.*

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*San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition – Gold Medal*

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### Tasting Notes

Initial aromas of fresh black cherry, cassis, vanilla bean and juniper berry make way for deeper scents of sweet blackberry pie and dried strawberry. The palate offers concentrated flavors of blackberry, blackcurrant and dark cherry with a touch of spice. It's framed by firm but silky tannins for balanced elegance. Pairs well with any red meat on the grill, pork tenderloin, heavy cheeses and grilled vegetables.

#### **VARIETAL**

Blend: 49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 17% Cabernet Franc

#### **APPELLATION**

Columbia Valley

#### **ALCOHOL**

14.50

#### **SIZE**

750ml

#### **BLEND**

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### The Story to Know

Dennis Cakebread is a 40+ year veteran of Napa Valley, where his family built the prestigious Cakebread Cellars from scratch beginning in 1973. He has been active in wine industry groups including stints as president of the Napa Valley Vintners and has served on the boards of The Wine Institute, Family Winemakers of California, and WineAmerica. He is co-founder and board member of Free the Grapes, is a previous board member and treasurer of the Coalition for Free Trade, and is past president and board member of the Wine Market Council. He is currently on the board at American AgCredit.

In 1992, as part of a 'future planning' session, the family discussed new future wine projects as part of growing in the wine making business but not getting too large to lose the handmade quality of Cakebread Cellars wines.

Curious about opportunities outside Napa, Dennis began to explore other wine regions that could potentially be home to a new project. Key was that the region demonstrates consistent wine quality and that the community is one built on working

together to make better wines. It didn't take long for Dennis to realize that Walla Walla was a special place that had a significant history of making quality wine and there was an opportunity for new projects to thrive. Dennis made his first trip up to Walla Walla in 2010. It was through existing contacts and new friendships that he learned about the talents of winemaker Aryn Morell. The exploration and search for great areas and vineyards continues today.

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