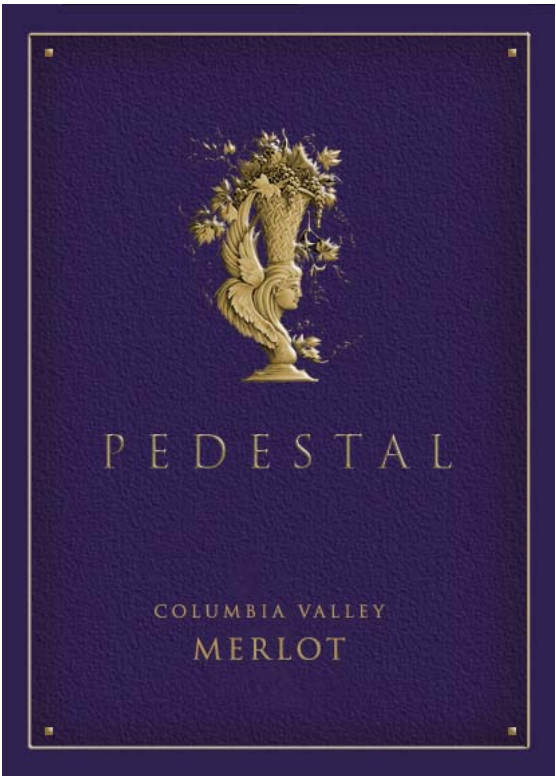


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2006 PEDESTAL Merlot Columbia Valley 96 ❁❁❁

"...delivers a fair dollop of concentrated black cherry fruit together with rooty and crème brulee richness in its layered aromas. Its slight tightness continues in the mouth, yet here the wine unbends just a touch more and offers complete and convincing proof that the depth and concentration presaged by the wine's early smells are wholly at hand. Rich, extracted, amply tannic, this one has all the pieces in place to mature handsomely over the next decade." -September 2009