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New reviews of Bordeaux-style blends from Washington state for \$25 or less

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88 pts - Supple Washington Reds

“Washington state’s pure, fresh fruit flavors bring a high pleasure quotient to blends using Bordeaux grapes Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Although some of the state’s blue-chip bottles can break the \$100 barrier, similar quality can be had for less.”

LOCAL WINE COMPANY Murphy’s Law Red
Columbia Valley 2008 Score: 88 | \$14

Firm in texture, with red berry and red pepper flavors competing for attention, lingering nicely against refined tannins. Needs to soften, and maybe bring out the fruit more. Merlot, Syrah and Cabernet Franc. Best from 2011 through 2014. 3,400 cases made. —H.S.



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