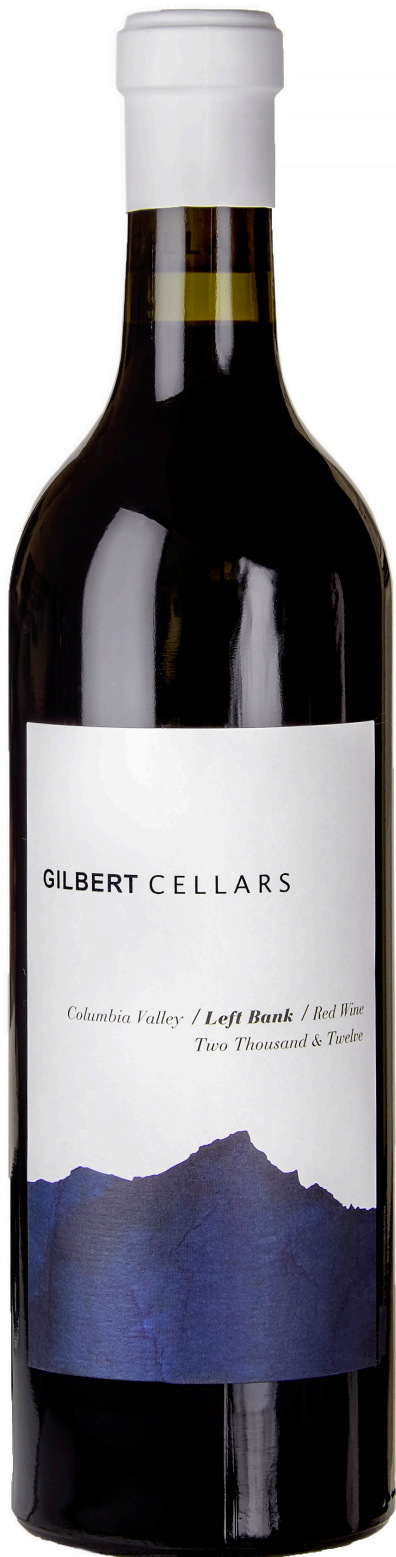


# GILBERT CELLARS

FINE WINES CRAFTED IN YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

## *Columbia Valley / Left Bank* *Two Thousand and Thirteen*



**VINEYARD:** DOC STEWART, CHUKAR, RIVER RIDGE AND ALDER RIDGE VINEYARDS  
**BLEND:** 63% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 16% MERLOT, 8% CARMENERE, 7% CABERNET FRANC AND 6% PETIT VERDOT  
**WINEMAKER :** JUSTIN NEUFELD  
**PRODUCTION:** 2173 CASES  
**AGING:** 19 MONTHS IN 48% NEW OAK BARRELS (80% FRENCH & 20% AMERICAN), 52% NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK  
**ALCOHOL – 14.5% || TA – 6.6 G/L || PH – 3.68**  
**BOTTLING:** APRIL 30, 2015  
**RELEASE:** JUNE 2015

**TASTING NOTES:** It's a wonderful magenta in the glass. The nose opens with ripe huckleberry type fruits interwoven with basil and fennel. As it opens up, dried cherry, cassis and wet slate pop out of the glass. Medium bodied, supple and round in the attack blending smoothly into a balanced and voluptuous mid palate. The finish persists and is supported by a well integrated acidity.

**VINIFICATION:** Fruit for this blend was harvested between September 24th and October 29th, 2013. The grapes were destemmed, but not crushed, leaving ~75% whole berries. The must had a pre-fermentation maceration of 48-72 hours at 45-52F. Fermentation occurred in small, 1 ton lots. Extraction was achieved via hand punchdowns and pump over with macro aeration, several times daily until the desired level of extraction was achieved at which time it was pressed and racked to barrel. Some lots underwent an extended maceration of 2-3 weeks. It finished both its primary and malolactic fermentations in barrel. The wine was gravity racked minimally in the cellar and was bottled on April 30th, 2015.

**BACK LABEL:** The rugged summit of Gilbert Peak is as mighty as our commitment to the agricultural lands of Washington State. Five generations of family farming in the Yakima Valley have inspired us to share the unique wines that are born of this place. It is here, among wine, music and friends, that our community takes shape—nourished by the glacial waters of the Tieton River, outlined by rows of vineyards, and fed by spirited gatherings that celebrate the bounty of this beautiful landscape. Join us.

Sourced from vineyards planted along the left bank of the Columbia River in southeastern Washington, this is a bold blend of **Cabernet Sauvignon (63%), Merlot (19%), Carmenerre (10%), Cabernet Franc (8%), Petit Verdot (7%)**.