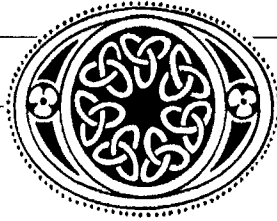


# SEVEN HILLS WINERY

ESTABLISHED 1988

Crush 2000



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## Harvest 2000

We're happy to report that our millenium vintage was an overwhelming success. There are always unknowns going into the harvest season, chief among them the weather. This year, added to these were the brand new production facility and newly assembled staff. While we crushed more fruit than ever before, and worked with several new vineyards, it was the smoothest, most efficient vintage to date for Seven Hills.



We produced consistently excellent wines, with a tremendous fruit component. I am confident that you will find them delicious at release. Thanks are due to our production people; Tim Sampson, Cellarmaster and Greer Bevel, Winery Assistant as

well as those in the front end of the winery: Gay Sawatzki, Jacquie Roach, and Vicky McClellan for making our first vintage in the Whitehouse-Crawford Building (and our first vintage as a Washington winery) fun, memorable and trouble-free. We'd also like to thank our neighbors at the Whitehouse-Crawford Restaurant for their understanding and late night rescues! We

appreciate you being there for us! Visitors during the barrel tasting may have the opportunity to taste something from vintage 2000 first hand this December. We hope to see you there.

*Gay J. McClellan*  
Winemaker

## Holiday Barrel Tasting

Saturday and Sunday

December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

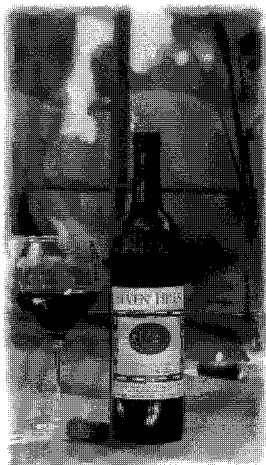
Seven Hills joins with twelve Walla Walla Valley wineries in the 4th annual Holiday Barrel Tasting. We invite you to be our guests in our lovely skylit barrel room to taste new releases and barrel selections. We will be pouring the newly released 1998 Cabernet Sauvignons and Merlots (*please read Casey's description of the wines on pg. 2*) and barrel sampling from the 1999 and possibly 2000 vintages.

Festive music from LaGrande High School's renowned Percussion Ensemble will fill the winery as we sample wines, savor soup and trim the fragrant fir trees with socks. Yes, socks. Each year we try to provide an opportunity for guests to support local charities. As the colder months approach, our area service agencies are in need of warm socks for their clients. Please join us in this effort as we celebrate the season together. We look forward to seeing you!

For a wonderful meal to complement the Holiday Barrel Tasting experience, reservations at the Whitehouse-Crawford may be made at 509/525-2222.

To those of you who will miss the Barrel Tasting, we wish you and your families good holidays, peace and prosperity in 2001.

# New and Current Releases



All photos, Hans Matschukat

Seven Hills is offering an outstanding selection of new and current releases for the Holiday Season. The portfolio is dominated by 1998 red wines—a very warm, ripe vintage. Our 1999 whites, from perhaps our favorite white wine vintage of the decade, are also available.

## New Releases

### 1998 Klipsun Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Deeply colored, powerfully structured, eminently ageable. An earthiness in the nose surrounded by black fruit aromas. Length, mouth filling and sustained flavours. A collectible Northwest Cabernet from a vineyard we've worked with for a decade. \$28

### 1998 Seven Hills Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Elegance, complexity and breadth that exhibits the essential *terroir* of Seven Hills Vineyard. A wine of medium body packed with abundant flavours: Cassis, red cherry, raspberry and herb. A Cabernet styled to truly complement a fine meal. \$28

### 1998 Klipsun Vineyard Merlot

Limited production and a reputation for being among the lushest Merlots in Washington make this a highly sought-after release. Ripe berry and cherry flavours are accented with spice and vanilla from Russian, French and American oaks. \$30

## Gift packaging

We are prepared for the holidays with wine gift packaging and shipping boxes—both decorative cardboard and branded wooden boxes in two or three bottle sizes. Wines requiring shipment can be tissue wrapped before being placed in protective shipping boxes. We can help with gifts for wine lovers on your list whether they be family, friends or business associates.

### 1998 Reserve Seven Hills Vineyard Merlot

A dense, complex Merlot selected exclusively from the oldest block of vines from Seven Hills Vineyard. Warm, deep flavours that only the older vines can give. A very special wine, and our first ever Reserve designation for Merlot. \$32

Also available are the 1998 Columbia Valley Merlot (\$20) and Cabernet Sauvignon (\$22).

These are blended from sites around the appellation, but tend to have a heavy Walla Walla Valley component. Styled to be more accessible than the vineyard-designated wines, but cellared under the same exacting standards. A very few 1996 Seven Hills Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon magnums are available from the library. They come in their own wooden, imprinted box, and are a great gift for a wine lover (\$75). The 1996 vintage will be drinking well for years.

## The Barrique Society

Barrique Society members received their first delivery from Seven Hills in early November, a delicious pair of 1998 Cabernet Sauvignons. We're enjoying your comments on the wines and the beautiful black and white images of crush, photographed by Hans Matschukat, posted on the Barrique Society page on our website.

The Barrique Society is Seven Hills' wine club, so named for the style of barrels we use to age our red wines. Members receive three shipments of wine each year. A two bottle shipment in March of our most limited red wines, a three bottle shipment in May including a Pinot Gris and one each of our vineyard designated Merlots, and a two bottle shipment in November containing a Seven Hills Vineyard and Klipsun Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon. Memberships received before January 31, 2001, may choose to start with the Cabernet Sauvignon shipment or the scheduled March delivery. Benefits of membership include discounts on wine and pre-release access to limited bottlings. Please call us at the winery if you'd like more information about the Barrique Society, or visit our website at [sevenhillswinery.com](http://sevenhillswinery.com).