



# Garagiste SERIES

[gar-uh-zheest'] noun - A French term used to describe independent, artisan winemakers crafting small batches of wine in garage-type settings and not yet discovered by the mainstream.

## Cedergreen Cellars

Owners: Kevin and Julie Cedergreen

Winemaker: Kevin Cedergreen

Location: Columbia Valley, Washington

A family-run winery based in Kirkland, Washington, Cedergreen Cellars is owned by Kevin and Julie Cedergreen who enjoy making food friendly wines from notable vineyards in the Columbia Valley. Since 2002, the couple has worked with the Valley's best growers to craft a handful of very limited production, award-winning wines that beautifully capture the distinctive terroir the Northwestern region has to offer.

Kevin and Julie both grew up in Eastern Washington - Kevin on his family's orchard, which taught him early on the rhythm of nature and the good things that come from it. His memories of picking and eating ripe fruit, experiencing the craziness of harvest, and having the chance to crush and press his own juice in an old clanking cider press would ultimately lead him to opening his own winery down the road.

In 1979, Kevin and his wife Julie moved west to the Seattle area, where Kevin spent two decades as a landscape architect. The Cedergreens loved their new home, but missed Eastern Washington and began to strategize how they could live on both sides of the Cascade mountains. They decided starting a winery was the answer. To make their new venture a reality, Kevin took extension courses through UC Davis and worked in the labs at Coventry Vale's custom crush facility (an incredibly rewarding experience where he had the chance to work with a wide group of owners and winemakers as they crushed and pressed their grapes). He also worked harvests in New Zealand and gained further winemaking experience at Willow Crest Winery in Prosser, Washington.

In 2002, Cedergreen Cellars became a reality. Kevin's history working throughout Washington state and New Zealand had exposed him to a range of winemaking philosophies and terroirs, which resulted in his unique vision of integrating various New World styles for his Cedergreen Cellars label. He is focused on making food friendly, fruit forward wines with bright flavors while respecting the earth and specifically, the vineyard, that each wine comes from. We hope you enjoy this Garagiste Wine Club selection!

## Cedergreen 2008 Merlot

156 cases produced

Conner Lee Vineyard and Clifton Hills Vineyard, Columbia Valley, Washington

The Cedergreen 2008 Merlot comes from a pair of vineyards in the Columbia Valley winegrowing region of Washington state - Conner Lee Vineyard and Clifton Hills Vineyard, both located within the Wahluke Slope AVA. Named after a Native American word for 'watering place,' Wahluke Slope lies in south-central Washington with one of the driest, warmest climates in the state - thus it is primarily known for red grape varietals like Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Cedergreen's 2008 Merlot offers subtle power, spice and dark fruit flavors, complemented by dusty, soft tannins and a smooth, dry finish. Aged 20 months in oak. 100% Merlot. Enjoy now until 2018.

Gold Medal Wine Club Price: \$33.00 / bottle

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