

# GILBERT CELLARS

FINE WINES CRAFTED IN YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

## *the pilgrim, 2014* *Columbia Valley Red Blend*



**VINEYARD:** 55% RIVER RIDGE, 45% LUBLAND

**ASSEMBLAGE:** 55% MERLOT, 30% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 15% CABERNET FRANC

**WINEMAKER :** JUSTIN NEUFELD

**PRODUCTION:** 973 CASES

**AGING:** 8 MONTHS IN NEUTRAL 225L FRENCH OAK BARRELS

**ALCOHOL:** 14.3 %

**BOTTLING:** JANUARY 2016

**RELEASE:** FEBRUARY 2016

**TASTING NOTES:** The nose up front is a mixture of dried cranberry and pomegranate-like fruit with white pepper and mint playing in the background. On the palate The Pilgrim is soft and round up front, transitioning into a smooth even softer mid palate. Overall, its balanced and the finish is lengthened by the wines balanced acidity

**BACK LABEL:** In 1973, Cragg McCormick Gilbert carried a small scallop shell as he walked a 750-mile route from Toulouse, France to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, retracing the footsteps of medieval pilgrims. The shell is the symbol of the Camino de Santiago, a popular medieval pilgrimage route. On his five week journey, his gratitude for the simple pleasures of daily bread, wine, and a place to rest grew with every step.

Like the converging grooves in the pilgrim's shell, may this wine bring to mind gratitude for simple pleasures and the coming together of family and friends to share adventurous tales. Hailing from the Chukar and Lubland vineyards, this red blend's light oak profile allows the fruit to shine through.