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2016 Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE

The 2016 growing season got off to a fast start with warm spring temperatures that resulted in a very early bud break. Temperatures continued to climb into early summer, then moderated perfectly to slow growing conditions throughout July and August. Moderate temperatures continued into the fall, slowing the pace of ripening just enough to extend hang time, develop full flavors in the grapes and yield delicious wines that are both powerful and refined with pleasing freshness.

VINEYARDS

One of the advantages of having made wine in the Columbia Valley since the mid-1980s is the opportunity it's given me to work with some of the most dedicated growers in the industry. Our Columbia Valley wines are made from a short list of vineyards I consider to be among the best in the state. The diversity of these vineyards-representing many of the most mature, carefully managed sites in Washington-provides for a full range of fruit expression that allows me to craft complex, multi-layered wines true to Columbia Valley *terroir* as well as the varietal character of the grapes. Our 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon includes grapes from Champoux, Weinbau, Quintessence, Shaw and Obelisco vineyards.

WINEMAKING

After destemming and crushing, grapes were fermented on their skins for an average of 9 days. After being pressed off, the wine was aged for 22 months in equal amounts of new and once used French Oak barrels to improve its already lengthy finish. Racking every 5 months helped create a wine with considerable structure and suppleness.

TASTING NOTES

This supple, bold Cabernet Sauvignon is loaded with red and black fruit flavors as well as plum, mocha and cedar notes in the nose. Its texture is quite refined and shows great structure across the palate, imparting a long, ample finish that was developed in part from the use of new French Oak barrels.



ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Total Acidity.....	0.57g/100ml
pH.....	3.74
Blend.....	94% Cabernet Sauvignon 3% Cabernet Franc 2% Malbec 1% Merlot
Cases.....	1,560
Bottling Date.....	August 22-23, 2018

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