



JANUIK

2016 Klipsun Vineyard Merlot

VINTAGE

The 2016 growing season got off to a fast start with warm spring temperature 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

Among the great vineyards of Washington State, Klipsun ranks right at the top. *Wine & Spirits Magazine* has named it one of the 25 greatest vineyards in the world. Located in the Red Mountain appellation, it produces wines with great power, depth, and concentration. The wines from this vineyard tend to be very long-lived.

WINEMAKING

After destemming and crushing, grapes were fermented on their skins for eight days. After being pressed off, the wine was moved to predominately new French oak barrels for 20 months of barrel aging during which time the wine was racked every six months.

TASTING NOTES

An intensely dark ruby red color is followed by notes of raspberries, blackberries, and spice. On first impression, it becomes apparent that this wine is one that will age beautifully for many years to come. The nicely proportioned palate shows tremendous length as well as an abundance of spice and fruit as it evolves in the glass.



ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Total Acidity.....	0.54g/100ml
pH.....	3.68
Blend.....	100% Merlot
Cases.....	291
Bottling Date.....	June 28, 2018

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