



2016 CABERNET FRANC

COLUMBIA VALLEY

Varietal Composition:	100% Cabernet Franc
Appellation:	Columbia Valley
Bottled:	July 11, 2018
Technical Data:	Alc. 14.1% by vol.; RS: 0.01%; TA: 5.93 g/L; pH: 3.64
Cases Produced:	1117
Production & Aging:	Barrel aged 20 months in 50% New French Oak

THE VINTAGE

Warmer temperatures in Spring accelerated an early start to the 2016 growing season with our first crush taking place on August 22nd. Washington State experienced cooler temperatures midsummer which slowed ripening. The change in temperature controlled acid levels in the fruit while enhancing berry phenolics. It also lengthened the harvest for the season allowing our later varieties plenty of hang time and flavor development, with the last fruit being picked November 12th.

THE VINEYARD

Sourced from two award-winning vineyards in Washington State's Columbia Valley AVA- 76% Gunkel Vineyards (Estate) and 24% Tudor Hills Vineyard.

THE WINEMAKING

Throughout harvest, Winemaker Richard Batchelor worked closely with the grower and visited the vineyard to taste for maturity and ripeness to determine the precise moment to pick the fruit. Grapes were hand-harvested during the cool hours of the morning to preserve bright fruit notes. This single vineyard lot underwent a five day pre-fermentation cold soak before the tank was allowed to go through a native fermentation to dryness in about 21 days. Only the free run juice was collected and no press fraction was used in the making of this wine. The lots were then aged in French oak for 20 months. For the first year this wine was stirred in barrel on its lees and racked when necessary to soften the tannins. After the first 12 months, the wine was racked off the lees for clarity before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Broad and supple aromas of tobacco and cedar start before focused and defined blackcurrant notes finish.

AWARDS

New Release



Pacific Northwest Winery of the Year
Wine Press Northwest, 2015

Winery of the Year
San Francisco International, 2014

Top 10 Winery of the World
World Association of Wine Writers & Journalists, 2014

Winemaker of the Year
INDY International, 2013