



PROPRIETOR'S RESERVE
 2016 SERENDIPITY
 COLUMBIA VALLEY

Varietal Composition: Merlot 35%, Caberneet Sauvignon 29%, Cabernet Franc 18%,
 Petit Verdot 12%, Malbec 6%

Appellation: Columbia Valley

Bottled: August 20, 2018

Technical Data: Alc. 14.8% by vol.; RS: 0.01%; TA: 5.88 g/L; pH: 3.65

Cases Produced: 307

Production & Aging: Barrel aged in 60% New French oak for 20 months

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 a selection of award-winning vineyards in Washington State's Columbia Valley AVA.

THE WINEMAKING

Throughout harvest, Winemaker Richard Batchelor worked closely with local growers and visited each 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. Each lot underwent a five day pre-fermentation cold soak before the tank was allowed to go through a native fermentation to dryness lasting roughly 21 days. Each lot was fermented separately and then blended before bottling to allow the tannins to meld together. To craft this wine, only the free run juice was collected and no press fraction was blended. The wine was then barrel aged for 20 months in new French Oak. 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 blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Plum and cherry notes with a hint of dried herbal tea. Bold fruit tannins with coffee, layer of fresh cedar, and robust nutty finish with a delicate silkiness.

AWARDS

Platinum; 2019 Wine Press NW Platinum Wine Awards
 Double Gold; 2019 San Francisco International Wine Competition
 Double Gold; 2018 Seattle Wine Awards
 Gold; 2018 Cascadia Wine Competition



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