



2017 CABERNET FRANC COLUMBIA VALLEY

Varietal Composition:	100% Cabernet Franc
Appellation:	Columbia Valley
Bottled:	August 27, 2018
Technical Data:	Alc. 14.2% by vol.; RS: 0.01%; TA: 5.69 g/L; pH: 3.41
Cases Produced:	887
Production & Aging:	Barrel aged for 9 months in 50% new French Oak

THE VINTAGE

2017 was a warmer than average year and the growing season began slowly. Bud break occurred a couple of weeks later than usual, especially when compared to the last few harvests. The late bud break was due to the substantial cold weather that occurred in Washington State during the winter of 2016. Temperatures then rose dramatically in late June through July. The extreme heat caused vines to shut down, which further delayed harvest. Some grapes that are customarily picked early were harvested significantly later than historical dates, although this varied throughout the state. The upsides to the lengthened harvest were longer hang times and agreeable flavor development in the red varieties that need more time to age on the vine. In white varieties, acids were held which resulted in improved balance. Wines from this vintage will age longer if red, and whites will have more pronounced zing.

THE VINEYARD

Sourced from award-winning Tudor Hills Vineyard in Washington State's Columbia Valley AVA.

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 9 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.



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