



2016 WINEMAKER'S RED COLUMBIA VALLEY

Varietal Composition:	Bordeaux-style red table wine (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, & Cabernet Franc)
Appellation:	Columbia Valley
Bottled:	August 29, 2017
Technical Data:	Alc. 13.8% by vol.; RS: 0.32%; TA: 5.8 g/L; pH: 3.78
Cases Produced:	20,058
Production & Aging:	Aged 11 months in tank with French Oak staves

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 our collection 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. Sourced from our collection of vineyards throughout Washington, each lot underwent a five day pre-fermentation cold maceration for color and fruit extraction. The fruit was kept separate by varietal and warmed up to begin the native yeast fermentation. Once pressed, these wines were blended together in similar lots for style and underwent Malolactic fermentation in tanks containing 40% new French Oak staves. At such time, the wines were slowly micro-oxygenated to enhance the softening of the tannins before the wine was blended. Aged on oak in tanks for 11 months.

TASTING NOTES

Ripe black fruit notes and a hint of fresh flowers are well backed by leather and cedar wood. Maple bar and black fruit of current and blackberry appear upfront with a mid-palate composed of rich tannins, followed by a smooth finish.

AWARDS

Double Gold; 2018 INDY International Wine Competition
Double Gold; 2018 Seattle Wine Awards



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, 2019, 2018 & 2013