

Varietal Composition: 74% Sangiovese; 24% Cabernet Sauvignon; 2% Merlot

Appellation: Columbia Valley
Bottled: August 4, 2016

Technical Data: Alc. 14.3% by vol.; RS: 0.01%; TA: 6.04 g/L; pH: 3.46

Cases Produced: 235

Production & Aging: Aged 18 months in 40% new French and European Oak

THE VINTAGE

The 2014 vintage was the hottest on record for the grape harvest in Washington state. A warmer than average season encouraged early shoot growth, without any late season frost. Periods of high temperatures early in the season slowed physical development in shoot growth, but then a period of consistent heat was experienced during the onset of berry formation. The season included an extended Indian summer that was made up of warm days and cool nights throughout harvest, resulting in concentrated fruit character in the whites and lush tannins and color in the reds. The stable weather pattern allowed for well-scheduled fruit picking decisions which transistioned naturally through all varietals.

THE VINEYARD

Sourced from a selection of award-winning vineyards in Washington'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 cabernet 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 lots were then barrel aged for 18 months with a combination of French and European oak. For the first year this wine was stirred in barrel on its lees to enahnce the mouthfeel and racked when necessary to soften the tannins. After the first 12 months the wine was racked off the lees for clarity and blended before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Rosé bouquet with herbal and tea notes, with a palate comprised of licorice and baking spices accented with subtle oak hints on the finish.

AWARDS

Silver; 2017 Cascadia Wine Competition Silver; 2017 Seattle Wine Awards

