

2016 Proprietor's Reserve ROUSSANNE COLUMBIA VALLEY

Varietal Composition: Appellation: Bottled: Technical Data: Cases Produced: Production & Aging: 100% Roussanne Horse Heaven Hills September 21, 2017 Alc. 14.5% by vol.; RS: 0.05%; TA: 5.94 g/L; pH: 3.63 359 Stainless steel fermentation, fermented in aged French Oak barrels

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 the award-winning McKinley Springs Vineyard in Washington state's Horse Heaven Hills 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 harvested during the cool hours of the morning to preserve bright fruit notes and destemmed into the press, where each lot was processed on a champagne cycle. This is a slower press cycle that is extremely gentle on the fruit ensuring optimum fruit character is preserved. The wine was fermented at 50°F for thirty days to ensure the wine's fruit character was preserved to its fullest.

TASTING NOTES

Layers of apricot, melon, and honey on the nose are enhanced with a viscous palate seeing flavors of vanilla and mango, followed by a full finish.

AWARDS

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, 2013