

Children's Reserve Cuvée

2015 | COLUMBIA VALLEY



34% Les Collines Vineyard
Cabernet Sauvignon
33% Seven Hills Vineyard
Cabernet Sauvignon
17% Dionysus Vineyard
Petit Verdot
16% Dineen Vineyard
Cabernet Franc

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.86

TA: 5.44 g/liter

RS: <0.1 g/liter

14.7% alc.

70 cases produced



Harvest and Winemaking

2015 was the hottest vintage in Washington history. The summer heat started early in June and did not let up through the end of harvest in September. Fortunately the warmth was consistent and lacked big spikes in heat. The vintage was the earliest we ever started picking grapes and the earliest we ever finished.

The goal of the Children's Reserve Cuvée is to create a unique Isenhower Cellars Bordeaux Blend. 34% is Cabernet Sauvignon from Les Collines Vineyard. 33% is Cabernet Sauvignon from Seven Hills Vineyard. Seven Hills produces a profound and powerful Cabernet Sauvignon. 17% is Petit Verdot from Dionysus Vineyard. Petit Verdot adds a lavender note and provides mid palate intensity. 16% is Cabernet Franc from Dineen Vineyard. The Cabernet Franc adds notes of cherries and smooths out the intensity of the Children's Reserve Cuvée.

The grapes were sorted by hand and destemmed to keep as many whole berries as possible. The native yeasts fermented the wine to dryness and only the free run wine was retained after pressing.

Denise and Brett Isenhower selected only the best barrels of each varietal to create the 2015 Children's Reserve Cuvée. The Children's Reserve Cuvée was aged for 28 months in our finest French Oak barrels. Only 70 cases produced. Artwork by Eliana Isenhower, age 9, Keegan Isenhower, age 11, and Olivia Isenhower, age 14.

Tasting

Dark red hue, elegant aromas of wind blown dust, red currant, black plumb, cherry, coriander, vanilla, dried herbs, dried mint, and tobacco. On the palate, the Children's Reserve Cuvée is dense yet round on the entry. Youthful and fresh in the mid-palate. Intensity picks up through the middle to the long finish.

The blend has a youthful and lightness character that is appealing and inviting. The tannins are restrained, fine grained, and long. A very elegant and authentic blend; may I say "Bordeaux" in character.

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