

Holiday Red

2016 | COLUMBIA VALLEY



40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Grenache, 14% Malbec, 13% Petit Verdot, 11% Cabernet Franc, and 4% Mourvèdre

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.9

TA: 5.1 g/liter

RS: 0.4 g/liter

15% alcohol

224 Cases produced



Harvest and Winemaking

2016 was the second warmest vintage in modern Washington viticulture. The result was an earlier than usual harvest to preserve acidity. Our philosophy of dealing with the warm vintage was to strictly pick on flavors in the grapes and ignore all other picking considerations. This change resulted in picking early to maintain acidity while keeping pH and brix at harvest at reasonable levels.

All the grapes in the Holiday were hand harvested, hand selected and were fermented by yeasts native to their respective vineyards.

We keep the press wine separate from the free run. The press wine is aged in neutral French oak barrels for 10 months prior to bottling. The result is a juicy and fun red blend that is perfect for every celebration and every toast during the holiday season.

Tasting

The Holiday Red has a dark red color, with aromas of earthy black fruit. Digging deeper in the aromas we find notes of briary berries such as blackberry and marionberry with hints of toasted french oak.

The first taste of the Holiday is plush, soft, and generous. The midpalate has acidity that provides freshness and a lively character. The finish is smooth and playful with some sweet tannins.

Thoughts

Press wine is approximately 12% of our entire red wine production. We keep it separate from the free run wine to create this very fun winery blend. I mean who else has native yeast fermented, six different red wine blend from vineyards like Seven Hills, Les Collines, Wallula, Olsen Ranch, Upland, Dutchman, and Dineen? Buy this wine by the case and take it to every Holiday party you attend. You will impress your friends and family with your selection.

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