

Children's Reserve Cuvée

2016 | COLUMBIA VALLEY



40% Les Collines Vineyard
Cabernet Sauvignon

27% Wallula Vineyard
Cabernet Sauvignon

20% Dionysus Vineyard
Petit Verdot

13% Dineen Vineyard
Cabernet Franc

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.86

TA: 5.44 g/liter

RS: <0.1 g/liter

14.7% alc.

127 cases produced



Harvest and Winemaking

2016 was a continuation of very warm vintages that Washington has experienced since 2013. We experienced brilliant sunny and hot weather during the summer and fall except for a few days of rain in mid-October. Washington's climate is remarkable for consistent and excellent vintages.

The goal of the Children's Reserve Cuvée is to create a unique Isenhower Cellars Bordeaux Blend. 40 % is Cabernet Sauvignon from Les Collines Vineyard. 27% is Cabernet Sauvignon from Wallula Vineyard. 20 % is Petit Verdot from Dionysus Vineyard. Petit Verdot adds a lavender note and provides mid palate intensity. 13% 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 2016 Children's Reserve Cuvée. The Children's Reserve Cuvée was aged for 28 months in our finest French Oak barrels. Only 127 cases produced. Artwork by Eliana Isenhower, age 10, Keegan Isenhower, age 12, and Olivia Isenhower, age 15.

Tasting

Dark red color. Aromas of red currant, cherry, blueberry, lavender leaf, wind blown dust, wet granite, dried tobacco leaf, and vanilla.

The mouthfeel is rich and tight, well structured but expressive. The finish is long and tingling on the tongue. The wine has a lot of power however it is restrained and approachable. The 2016 Children's Reserve Cuvée has flavors of red fruits, granite, dusty earth, with hints of dried herbs. You can definitely enjoy through 2032.

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