

Cabernet Sauvignon

2018 | COLUMBIA VALLEY



100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

37% Johnson Ranch Vineyard (clone 8)
25% Les Collines Vineyard (clone 8)
24% Summit View Vineyard (clone 191)
14% Olsen Ranch Vineyard (clone 8)

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.71

Titrateable Acidity: 5.96 g/Liter

Volatile Acidity: 0.60 g/Liter

Residual Sugar: 0.04 g/Liter

Alcohol: 14.6%

650 cases produced



Harvest and Winemaking

The 2018 growing season was influenced by slightly higher temperatures (3.6%) than the long term average and significant air pollution from the forest fires in Canada and the United States. The corresponding decreased sunlight delayed ripening and lengthened the harvest season. Gloriously, mid-September through late October had brilliant sunshine and little rain, creating a wonderful vintage for the wine grape harvest.

Four vineyards and two clones comprise this Cabernet Sauvignon. 86% of the grapes are from Walla Walla Vineyards and 14% is from a Yakima Valley Vineyard. Summit View is an early ripening site and was harvested on September 25. Les Collines Vineyard was picked on Oct 3. Johnson Ridge and Olsen Ranch were picked on October 24.

All the grapes were hand harvested, hand sorted, and fermented by yeasts native to their respective vineyards. Only the free run wine was retained to maximize the acidity and elegance of the Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine was aged in 7% new and 93% used French oak barrels for 15 months.

Tasting

Opaque dark red-purple hue. Aromas of dried red currant, wind blown dust, wet stones, cigar box, and sweet fresh oak. Classic Walla Walla Cabernet Sauvignon aromas. The mouth feel is rich and tight with mouth watering acidity. The initial flavors are of dried herbs, cranberries and currants. There is a lingering hint of wind blown dust through the flavor experience. The mid palate has refreshing acidity. The tannins are very long and delicious.

Thoughts on the i Label Series

Our goal is to produce 100% varietal wines from high quality vineyards and sell the wine for what other wineries sell their red table wine. It is a fun challenge to craft a wine that tastes like it should cost twice as much as it should.

Cabernet Sauvignon is Washington State's and Walla Walla's #1 red grape variety. There is a definite style to Washington Cabernet Sauvignon. Red fruit with dusty notes, balanced acidity, and approachable tannins.

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