

# Holiday Red

2018 | COLUMBIA VALLEY



44% Mourvèdre  
33% Malbec  
11% Syrah  
12% Cabernet Sauvignon

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.73

TA: 5.3 g/liter

RS: <0.2 g/liter

14.2 % alcohol

244 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.

We keep the press wine separate from the free run wine. The Holiday Red is primarily from the press wine of each vintage but also has free run wine from various other lots. This year we included additional free run of Mourvedre, Malbec and Syrah to the blend.

Each component was aged in neutral French and American oak barrels for 11 months prior to bottling. The result is a juicy and fun red blend that is perfect for every occasion.

## Tasting

Dark red-black hue. Very fruity aromas of Bing cherry, cranberry, blackberry, wet gravel, and dried bay leaf.

The mouthfeel verges on plush with soft acidity but there is some tannin verve holding the Holiday Red back from being a fruit bomb. Flavors mirror the aromas with notes of cherries, blackberries, gravel notes, and a lingering hint of dried herbs. The Holiday Red is very high on the yummy scale but holds its own with enough structure to be balanced.

## Thoughts

Press wine is approximately 9% of our entire red wine production. We keep it separate from the free run wine to create this very fun winery blend. 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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