



2016 Cabernet Sauvignon

Bud break in 2016 was a good two weeks ahead of schedule. This can be a good thing if you are worried about ripening a large crop or it can be problematic if the weather turns nasty during bloom resulting in poor fruit set (reduced crop yield) or even worse, a late spring frost can turn beautiful, light green shoots into crispy corn flakes. Luckily, the weather cooperated and we made it to Mother's Day (the traditional end of "winter" in the Columbia Valley) without any frost events. The rest of the vintage was characterized by very moderate temperatures through June and July and a hot/cool pattern in August. This moderated weather combined with an early start resulted in our earliest harvest to date. 2016 is a great year for Cabernet Sauvignon fruit. The 2016 wines have the tannin density of the 2012's, the concentration of the 2013's and the fruit purity of the 2015's. I cannot wait to see how these wines develop over the next 20 years.

Blend Details:
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation:
38% Horse Heaven Hills
31% Rattlesnake Hills
23% Red Mountain
8% Walla Walla Valley

Vineyards:
38% Discovery
31% Elephant Mountain
23% Klipsun
8% Seven Hills

Aging Profile:
20 months in new (15%), single use (70%) and neutral (15%) French oak barrels

Harvest Dates:
September 27 – October 5, 2016

Alcohol
14.3%

Release Date
Spring, 2021

Production
302 cases of 750mL bottles
60 1.5L bottles