



2015 READERS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

COLUMBIA VALLEY A.V.A.

A stunning Cabernet from Washington's oldest and most revered vineyards. Our Readers blend tips its hat to the exploratory readers of books and wine.

The superior blocks of Conner Lee Vineyard's old vines from '87 and '88 blocks, Dionysus Vineyards' old block 18, and Elephant Mountain Vineyards' high elevation site each developed this powerful wine. It offers fragrant blackberries, mocha and mineral complexity, all built into this fantastic old vine Cabernet's delicious style.

VINTAGE

Our earliest harvest, 2015 fruit from our vineyards was small and intense and yielded record color and tannin. Our vintage portfolio carries a volume and weight that matched our house style of rich and smooth age-worthy reds. Spring broke buds and flowered early. Summer temperatures were hotter than average with many July and August days over 100°F. Verasion was early under good conditions, together hallmarks of great vintages. Our familiar old vine blocks had fruit shaded with healthy canopies balancing acidity and sugar ripeness while keeping fruit from sunburn. The September vintage was record breaking in total heat units and cool picking weather was perfect.

WINEMAKING

These Cabernets were handpicked in the mornings of September 5-25. We machine harvested in cool mornings. We machine sorted and destemmed into small fermenters for hand mixing. These powerful wines fermented quickly and fermentation completed in barrels and puncheons. We aged on lees reductively developing savory tones complimentary to the powerful fruit. After 20 months, we selected the final blend. We then filtered for purity and aging stability. With the addition of choice Syrah for aromatic lift, the blend describes Cabernet at its most gorgeous vintage expression. This rich wine will age easily for decade or two and is enjoyable with a host of savory, full flavored foods throughout the range of seasons.

APPELLATIONS & VINEYARDS

Columbia Valley 90%	70% Conner Lee 20% Dionysus
Yakima Valley 10%	10% Elephant Mountain

FINAL BLEND

80% Cabernet Sauvignon
20% Syrah

AGING

100% French Oak barrels, 30% new

CASES PRODUCED 3,405 12-pack cases/750mL

TECHNICAL DATA Bottled: Summer 2017 • Alcohol: 14.9% by volume • pH: 3.7 • TA: 5.0 • RS: 1g/L

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