



2016 | BOOK CLUB SELECT CABERNET SAUVIGNON

YAKIMA VALLEY A.V.A.

*V*intage 2016 holds a host of powerful wines from J. Bookwalter. The Book Club Select Cabernet Sauvignon is the best example of the dense chocolaty richness and smooth feel Washington state Cabernet is known for. It's a full-bodied wine that will satisfy anyone who loves classic Cabernet Sauvignons. When consumed young, this wine is very dark and aromatic, giving off the heady aromas and flavors that we have come to appreciate from this high elevation vineyard. This wine will age for decades given its vintage success and winemaking power.

VINTAGE

Elephant Mountain Vineyard took full advantage of the early spring flowering which was the earliest ever in late May. Canopy design and vine health were ideal while summer temperatures were hotter than average with many days in July and August over 100°F. Andrew Schultz managed and irrigated the watered the vineyard perfectly. Verasion occurred early in August, making for an early harvest. By September the vintage was nearly as hot as 2015. Excellent ripeness packed in huge. Picked in September.

WINEMAKING

Starting the morning of September 26th, we hand harvested the Cabernet Sauvignon. We hand mixed this powerful vintage for three weeks and finished fermentation in new French oak puncheons. We aged on lees, reductively developing savory tones complementary to the powerful fruit. After 20 months, we selected the final blend. Syrah from block '99 was added for intensity. We then filtered for purity and aging stability. The blend offers Cabernet Sauvignon in a powerful style. This rich wine will is enjoyable with a host of foods, especially proteins.

APPELLATIONS & VINEYARDS

Yakima Valley 100%
(Columbia Valley) | 100% Elephant Mountain

FINAL BLEND

85% Cabernet Sauvignon
15% Syrah

AGING

100% French Oak
puncheons, 50% new

CASES PRODUCED 218 12-pack cases/750mL

TECHNICAL DATA Bottled: Summer 2018 • Alcohol: 14.9% by volume • pH: 3.85 • TA: 4.5g/L • RS: 1g/L

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