



2016 | RED WINE SUBPLOT N°36 COLUMBIA VALLEY A.V.A.

From Washington's most bountiful vintage, comes this delicious red blend of Cab-Syrah filled with everything we love about big red blends. Syrah and Malbec's spicy rich berry adds to Cabernet Sauvignon powerful fruit. These wines are hand-made like our reserves in small fermentations and aged all in French oak barrels. It's delicious and great with foods all year, from winter stews to summer BBQs.

VINTAGE

This generous hot vintage filled all the wines with powerful flavors and rich perfumes. The Columbia Valley in 2016 grew ripe red wines of all varieties. The early days of fermentation showed off a volume and weight ideal for our house style of bold, rich and easy drinking young reds. Summer weather was ideal and hot. Cold Columbia River water cared for all our vineyards, easily yielding delicious grapes. The long summer weather afforded a warm harvest in our inland dry desert. We picked all our red fruit with ease under clear desert skies.

WINEMAKING

The number of each Subplot represents how many Columbia Valley red blends we have produced since 1983. Each lot of wine is carefully chosen for its 'yum' factor. These wines are from the same great vineyard sources as our top-tier wines. Showing off the flavorful, full bodied and approachable side of the vintage, these cuvées were hand harvested and fermented in small batches. Our old vineyard block's press wines combine fruit from younger blocks for delicious youthful flavors and exceptional value.

APPELLATIONS & VINEYARDS

Columbia Valley 100%
75% Conner Lee
15% Dionysus Vineyard
10% Elephant Mountain

FINAL BLEND

35% Merlot
31% Cabernet Sauvignon
21% Cabernet Franc
10% Syrah
3% Malbec

AGING

Aged 26 months
in French Bordeaux
barrels

CASES PRODUCED 2,850 12-pack cases/750mL

TECHNICAL DATA Bottled: Winter 2018 • Alcohol: 14.5% by volume • pH: 3.88 • TA: 4.2g/L

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