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**RESERVE  
VOLUME SIX  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON**  
COLUMBIA VALLEY A.V.A.  
DIONYSUS VINEYARD

*I*n the heart of the Columbia Valley, Dionysus block 18 enjoys breathtaking views alongside the Columbia River. Its southwest facing slopes of sand over deep gravel beds are ideal soils for exacting irrigation. Block 18 was planted in 2000 Cabernet Sauvignon on Dionysus' southwest hillside, 1,000 yards from the Columbia River.

We design this reserve cuvée to show off Dionysus Vineyard's character through Cabernet Sauvignon's singular best expression. Deep color introduces the powerful aromas of blackberries, savory barrels and roses. Rich fruit and filigree tannins last for hours on the wine. Opens into a plush, concentrated, big shouldered wine.

**VINTAGE**

The 2016 is our finest vintage of Dionysus cabernet sauvignon. We used new analytic tools measuring our wines' natural extraction leading us to create wines of ideal reserve proportions from a great vintage. Spring's early budbreak and flowering on June 1st was followed by a warm month of heat with a June rain storm that induced larger cluster yields. Early in the season and again at veraison, we lowered our yields with much hand labor. Summer temperatures were hotter than average again with many July and August days over 100°F. Veraison began in early August and completed quickly, a hallmark of great vintages.

**WINEMAKING**

The 2016 harvest was another early ripening at 115 days from flowering on September 20. Hand harvesting and cluster sorting fruit we began tank fermenting at 60°F peaking at 90°F (16-30°C). Daily mixings twice allowed the very ripe fruit to yield abundant color with smooth tannins extracted later to match the huge generosity of fruit flavors. The boldest extraction technique was used to create this grand wine of huge color and tannic strength. After 23 days the wine was pressed and finished primary ferment in new French oak puncheons by Allary, Le Grand and GAMBÀ. Remaining on original lees for 18 months allows the wine a roundness and savory tone complimenting the rich tannic style. We selected eight puncheons of the five acre harvest for the reserve and bottled 490 six-packs.

**APPELLATIONS & VINEYARDS**

Columbia Valley 100% | 100% Dionysus Block #18

**FINAL BLEND**

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**AGING**

Aged 18 months  
in 75% new and  
25% used French  
oak barrels

**CASES PRODUCED** 490 6-pack cases/750mL

**TECHNICAL DATA** Bottled: Summer 2018 • Alcohol: 14.9% by volume • pH: 3.75 • RS: 1g/L

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