2015 Reserve Clone 8 Cabernet Sauvignon
Wautoma Springs Vineyard | Columbia Valley

Growing Season

▸ The 2015 vintage was one of the warmest growing seasons on record in Washington.

▸ Warm temperatures continued through the spring and summer, moderating slightly into fall and extending an early harvest.

▸ Overall, 2015 saw very favorable growing conditions, producing optimal ripening across varieties and yielding outstanding wines throughout the region.

Vineyard

▸ Wautoma Springs is a small vineyard nestled in the heart of the Cold Creek district. This low-yielding vineyard is planted exclusively with Cabernet Sauvignon on rocky, silt loam soil to provide optimal drainage and support healthy growth.

▸ Clone 8 is the cornerstone of Cabernets in Washington; strong with larger berry clusters that are bold and versatile.

▸ The region's low rainfall yields concentrated fruit with depth and varietal expression.

Vinification

▸ Fruit was handpicked at the peak of ripeness, destemmed, sorted and placed into stainless steel tanks. A twice-daily pumpover regime was used to extract color and flavors.

▸ The grapes were cold soaked for two days prior to fermentation to help extract color and flavor from the grape skins without extracting too much tannin.

▸ Lots were kept separate and placed into a mix of new and neutral barrels in an effort to retain purity of fruit, uniqueness of *terroir*, and expression of the specific Cabernet clone. Aging occurred for 18 months, with blending happening just prior to bottling.

APPELLATION	▸ Columbia Valley
VINEYARDS	▸ Wautoma Springs Vineyard, Clone 8
BLEND	▸ 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
ALCOHOL	▸ 14.5%
TA	▸ 0.60 G/100mL
pH	▸ 3.79
CASES CRAFTED	▸ 200
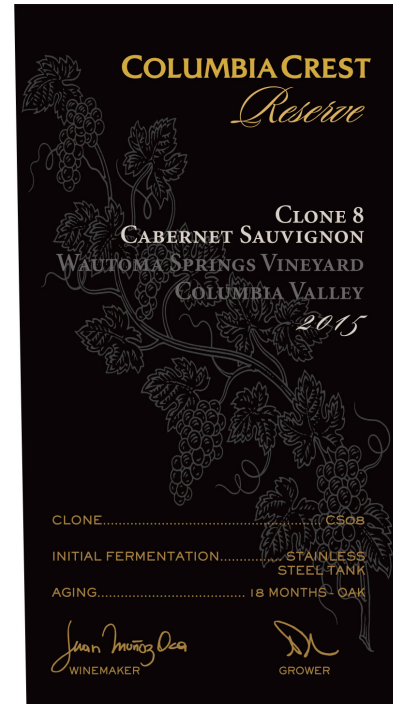
Tasting Notes

"The Clone 8 Cabernet Sauvignon reveals luscious aromas of dark berries leading to sumptuous, elegant layers of blackberries, black cherries and hints of spice on the nose. The finish is silky, yet expressive."

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