

I4 HANDS

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2015

Vintage Series

RED WINE BLEND

COLUMBIA VALLEY



14 Hands wines celebrate the spirit of the wild horses that once roamed the hills of eastern Washington. Home to our winery and vineyards, this region holds great significance for 14 Hands. By showcasing the best wine of each vintage, our Vintage Series pays homage to the importance and rich heritage of the Columbia Valley.

THE VINTAGE

- 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.

WINEMAKING

- The fruit was sourced from various warmer sites in the Columbia Valley. The balance came from temperature moderated sites near the Columbia River.
- The wine aged for approximately 19 months in 43% new oak barrels, both French and American. Malolactic conversion occurred in barrel.
- Each variety was fermented and aged separately with blending occurring just weeks before bottling.

RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRINGS

Rack of Lamb, Marinated Mushrooms, Caprese Salad and Herb Crusted Bison Steak

TECHNICAL DATA

BLEND: 43% Cabernet Franc, 29% Merlot,
14% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Syrah

APPELLATION: Columbia Valley

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

TA: 0.54 g/100 mL

PH: 3.75

CASES CRAFTED: 151

TASTING NOTES:

“This expressive red blend opens with bright blueberry and boysenberry which are intermingled and balanced nicely with layers of coffee and earth. Fresh on the palate, it is dense and mouth-filling with a complex, structured finish.”

- Keith Kenison, Winemaker