

COLUMBIA CREST

GRAND ESTATES

2016 LIMITED RELEASE GOLD RED WINE COLUMBIA VALLEY

Each year our winemakers put aside a couple barrels of wine that represent the GOLD standard of the Columbia Valley. This limited release Gold Red Wine combines artisan winemaking with the best vineyards in the Columbia Valley to deliver a world-class wine of outstanding quality and value.

GROWING SEASON

- 2016 vintage experienced the best of both worlds with a hot spring and early summer. A cooler than normal end of the ripening season allowed the wines to have ripeness, yet maintain freshness and elegance.
- The early dry and warm spring, combined with cooler temperatures in August and September, slowed down ripening and resulted in the longest harvest on record in Washington State (August 15-November 15).
- Overall, 2016 saw very favorable growing conditions, producing wines with nicely resolved tannins and maturity.

VINEYARDS

- Fruit was harvested from vineyards located predominantly in the Horse Heaven Hills and the Wahluke Slope.
- Columbia Valley vineyards are seated in Eastern Washington. This region is mostly dry with less precipitation due to the rain shadow effect from the surrounding Cascade Mountain range.
- Vineyards are 100% drip irrigation. This, combined with the low water-holding capacity of the soil, allow for precise control of the vines.

VINIFICATION

- Grapes were fermented separately in stainless steel tanks. After seven days the grapes were pressed and fermentation finished in tanks.
- Aging occurred for 7 months in 60% new oak and 40% older barrels, both French and American.



TASTING NOTES

"Dark and rich with a silky palate and flavors of fresh raspberries and salted dark chocolate, this Cabernet Franc-based red wine is a great option to pair with grilled meats and vegetables."

JUAN MUÑOZ OCA, WINEMAKER

APPELLATION Columbia Valley

BLEND 64% Cabernet Franc, 30% Merlot,
3% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petite Sirah,
1% Other Red Varietals

ALCOHOL 13.5%

TA 0.53 g/100 mL

PH 3.76

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