

2016 RESERVE CABERNET FRANC

ANDREWS HORSE HEAVEN RANCH VINEYARD | HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

ABOUT THIS WINE

The 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.

GROWING SEASON

- ▶ 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.

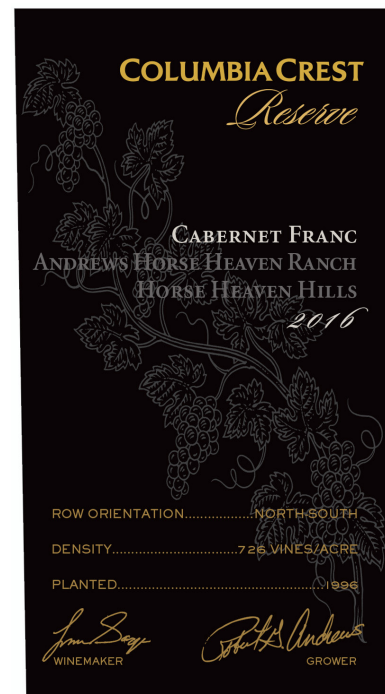
VINEYARDS

- ▶ The Andrews Horse Heaven Ranch vineyards are located in Eastern Washington. This region is mostly dry with less precipitation due to the rain shadow effect from the surrounding Cascade Mountain range.
- ▶ The Cabernet Franc was planted in 1996 in a sprawl canopy on Warden silt loam soils which gently slope south down into a natural drainage of the Horse Heaven Hills grasslands.
- ▶ Strong wind patterns in the Horse Heaven Hills reduce canopy size and density and contribute to even ripening by moderating temperature extremes.

VINIFICATION

- ▶ Fruit was picked at the peak of ripeness, destemmed, sorted and placed into and small stainless steel tanks.
- ▶ A twice-daily pumpover regime was used to extract color and flavors.
- ▶ When the desired tannin structure was achieved, the wine was drained away from the skins and placed into 50% new French oak for malolactic fermentation. Aging occurred for 18 months.

- APPELLATION** ▶ HORSE HEAVEN HILLS
- VINEYARDS** ▶ ANDREWS HORSE HEAVEN RANCH
- BLEND** ▶ 99% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 1% MERLOT
- ALCOHOL** ▶ 15.0%
- TA** ▶ 0.59 G/100ML
- PH** ▶ 3.77
- CASES CRAFTED** ▶ 358



TASTING NOTES

“The warm vintage makes this Cabernet Franc especially expressive revealing its darker savory side with layers of black and dried fruit playing against graphite and leather. It’s ample, round tannins give it bold structure and a delicate suggestion of woody spices marry well with this lightly oaked wine and are accentuated in the finish.”

LAURA SORGE ▶ COLUMBIA CREST ▶ WINEMAKER