

2016 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

COLD CREEK VINEYARD | COLUMBIA VALLEY

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

- ▶ Our sun-drenched, 40+ year-old vines at Cold Creek vineyard are grown in weak loamy sand and gravel soils with low water holding capacity.
- ▶ The terroir's "silty loam" produces moderate crops and concentrated grapes, resulting in intense flavors in all varietals and deep color in the red fruit.
- ▶ Vines grow from individual roots, which allows for health and longevity in our vineyards.

VINIFICATION

- ▶ Fruit was handpicked at the peak of ripeness, destemmed, sorted and placed into combination of concrete, oak, and small stainless steel tanks to build immediate complexity.
- ▶ A twice-daily pumpover regime was used to extract color, flavors and desired tannin structure.
- ▶ After primary fermentation finished, the blend was put together early and placed into 53% new French oak for both malolactic fermentation and 18 months of aging.

APPELLATION ▶ COLUMBIA VALLEY

VINEYARD ▶ COLD CREEK VINEYARD

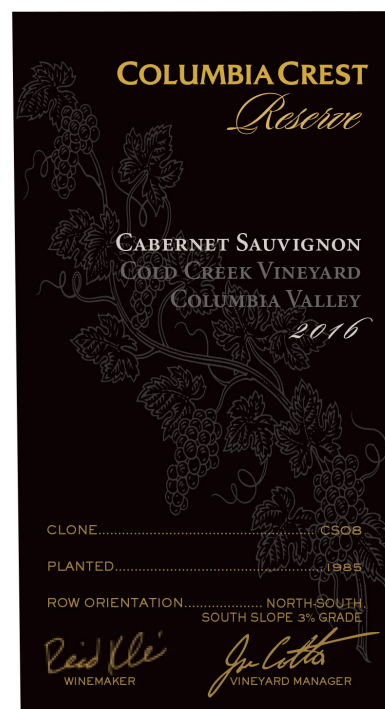
BLEND ▶ 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ALCOHOL ▶ 15%

TA ▶ 0.59 g/100ML

PH ▶ 3.68

CASES CRAFTED ▶ 309



TASTING NOTES

"With this wine we were trying to show a different side to Cold Creek. We exerted more patience in the vineyard to allow for fuller fruit development as well as extra care in the winery to manage tannins and dial them back a bit. The result is a beautiful dark and richly concentrated Cabernet that opens with sweet aromatics of plum and black cherry as well as darker notes of black currant and cocoa. The palate is full, rich and deeply expressive but gives way to a very smooth, refined, long lasting finish."

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REID KLEI ▶ COLUMBIA CREST ▶ WINEMAKER