

## 2016 ROUSSANNE

# RATTLESNAKE HILLS LIMITED RELEASE



### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

"This is the first time we have ever bottled Roussanne by itself; the wine shows its heritage with richness and tropical fruit. It is sourced from a cooler site that allows for extended hang time and full flavor development. 70% was fermented and aged in neutral oak to add complexity and weight, while 30% was fermented in stainless steel to add fresh fruit and floral characters."

David Rosenthal Winemaker

### VINTAGE

- The 2016 vintage experienced the best of both worlds with a hot spring and early summer, but also a cool fall season.
- Cooler temperatures in August and September, slowed down ripening and resulted in longer hang time for the grapes and the longest harvest on record in Washington State (August 15 November 15).
- Overall, 2016 saw very favorable growing conditions, producing wines with ripeness and elegance.

#### **VINEYARDS**

- 100% of the fruit was sourced from Rattlesnake Hills in the Yakima Valley.
- The region's sunny days and cool evening temperatures create ideal conditions for intense aroma and flavor development in the ripening grapes.
- The fruit was picked from a cooler site which allows for extended hang time and full flavor development.

### WINEMAKING

- Ripe grapes were destemmed and went through natural yeast fermentation.
- Aged 4 months in 70% neutral oak to add complexity and weight, 30% fermented in stainless steel to add fresh fruit and floral characters.

## TECHNICAL DATA

Cases Produced

Blend: 100% Roussanne

Total Acidity 0.57 g/100mL

pH 3.25

Residual Sugar 0.14 g/100mL

Alcohol 13.5%

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