



AUSTRAL RED BLEND

COLUMBIA VALLEY

2017

LIMITED RELEASE UP TO **1427**
TOTAL CASES

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TA: 0.56 g/100 ml

PH: 3.88

ALCOHOL: 14.9%

BLEND: 54% Grenache, 32% Syrah, 9%
Cinsaut, 5% Mourvedre

CASE PRODUCTION:
1427

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VINTAGE NOTES

- The 2017 growing season was cooler and crop yields were significantly lower in comparison to the past two vintages.
- The lower temperatures delayed ripening and helped to retain fresh fruit aromatics and mouthwatering acidity.
- Despite cold winter conditions, 2017 gave us concentrated wines with classic Washington state character.

VINEYARD NOTES

- 50% of the fruit was sourced from the Wahluke Slope; a warm region known for ripe, jammy reds and complex Rhone based varieties.
- 22% of the fruit was sourced from Horse Heaven Hills; an area known for gentle south facing slopes, sandy soils and a long growing season.
- The remaining fruit was sourced from Yakima Valley, Snipes Mountain, Walla Walla Valley and Rattlesnake Hills.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- Grapes were de-stemmed and sorted with a cutting-edge grape receiving and sorting system designed to gently remove any stems or leaves.
- Daily gentle pumpovers were used to extract optimal flavor and color and minimize harsh tannins.
- Aged 18 months in 95% French Oak with 35% new and 2% new American Oak.

TASTING NOTES

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