



# COLLECTOR'S SOCIETY

2017 RED WINE BLEND

RED MOUNTAIN

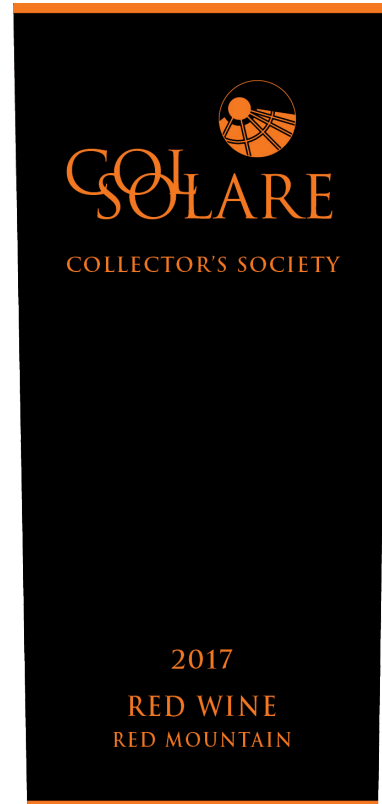
A partnership between Marchesi Antinori of Tuscany and Chateau Ste. Michelle of Washington, Col Solare's mission is to unite the unique winemaking cultures of these two esteemed regions to produce a world-class Cabernet Sauvignon-based red wine from the best fruit in Washington.

**VINTAGE** 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 retain fresh fruit aromatics and mouthwatering acidity. Despite cold winter conditions, 2017 gave us concentrated wines with classic Washington state character.

**VINIFICATION** Harvest began for Merlot on September 13th, followed by Cabernet Sauvignon on September 21st, with grapes full of dark fruit flavor and silky tannins. After sorting, grapes were gently crushed, with lots fermented separately on the skins for an average of 15 days. Both small bin and tank fermentation was used with primarily rack and return style maceration techniques to extract the best flavors without harsh tannins. The wine was removed from the skins and placed into new French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging. Racking occurred every three months for the first year of the 18-month aging period, and every four months afterwards. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

**WINEMAKERS' NOTES** "This blend, developed for our Collector's Society, is sourced exclusively from our Red Mountain estate vineyard. Dark in color, this Merlot-based blend has fragrant aromas of spices, dried fruits and black currants, with a rich mouthfeel and long powerful finish."

- Darel Allwine, Winemaker



**APPELLATION** RED MOUNTAIN

**VINEYARDS** 100% COL SOLARE ESTATE

**THE BLEND** 57% MERLOT,  
36% CABERNET SAUVIGNON,  
7% CABERNET FRANC

**TECHNICAL DATA**

TA: 0.52 G/100ML

PH: 3.84

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

CASE PRODUCTION: 300

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