2016 SOUTHWIND CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

Produced entirely from fruit grown on the Cadaretta estate Southwind Vineyard.

VINEYARDS AND VARIETALS

98% Cabernet Sauvignon, Southwind Vineyard (Walla Walla Valley)
2% Petit Verdot, Southwind Vineyard (Walla Walla Valley)

TASTING NOTE

Deep, dark ruby in color, this 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon comes from a southern exposed slope planted on ancient, fractured basalt on the Cadaretta estate Southwind Vineyard. The combination of this soil and the vineyard block’s high elevation provides distinction in the wine’s minerality and tannic structure. Aromas of blackberry toast, kirsch, licorice/anise, and nuanced oak make this immediately appealing. These are met by black currant, dried leaves, and wet tobacco; a slight tomato bush note creates a familiar sense of geographic and varietal correctness. The palate is opulent and approachable for this vineyard with sweet tannins and a rich palate going head-to-head with the site’s trademark crushed rock-type finish. Flavors of black cherry, cassis, and smoky chocolate reverberate throughout the expansive, balanced palate, tied together in an expressively long finish.

ANALYSIS

Alc. ... 14.80%
pH......3.92
TA......5.70g/L

MATURATION

22 months in French Oak barriques (66% new, 34% seasoned)