2016 SOUTHWIND MALBEC

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

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

VINEYARDS AND VARIETALS

95% Malbec, Southwind Vineyard (Walla Walla Valley)
5% Cabernet Franc, Southwind Vineyard (Walla Walla Valley)

TASTING NOTE

Inky, almost opaque in the glass, this single block offering is a gorgeous example of high elevation, structured Malbec; not that far off some of the best examples to come out of Mendoza, Argentina – a region known and celebrated for its success with the variety. Immediately, deep and brooding base notes of concentrated blackberry/dark raspberry, licorice, and tar are evident, with olive tapenade, toasted vanilla, and sandalwood also becoming apparent with time in the glass. There is great weight and texture with a solid beam of acidity that give life and energy to the mid-palate. The tannins are sweet and polished, adding a youthful grip; the fruit is thick, broad and balances the tannins with ease. Bold flavors of black and blue fruits, pomegranate syrup, licorice pastille, and toasted oak are absolutely delicious and harmonious from start to finish. Great wine!

ANALYSIS

Alc. ... 14.80%  
pH..... 3.78  
TA....... 6.10g/L

MATURATION

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