2016 WINDTHROW

COLUMBIA VALLEY

A winemaker barrel-selection red blend of Rhone varietals.

VINEYARDS AND VARIETALS

55% Grenache, Monette’s Vineyard (Walla Walla Valley, The Rocks District of Milton-Freewater)
31% Mourvedre, Alder Ridge Vineyard (Horse Heaven Hills)
14% Syrah, Stone Tree Vineyard (Wahluke Slope)

TASTING NOTE

The medium, Grenache-driven color is pretty; reminding me of Vacqueyras. Upon opening the wine is immediately appealing with an old-world flair in its tobacco, kirsch, raspberry, and tamarind notes. These are mixed with notes of blood orange, fresh herbs, cured meat, and roasted grains. Refined and velvety tannins support red berry fruit, citrus oil and peppery herb flavors. The finish is defined and lengthy. Drink slightly cooler than normal…60-62 degrees F.

ANALYSIS

Alc. ... 14.90%
pH..... 3.92
TA...... 5.40g/L

MATURATION

22 months in French Oak, barrels and puncheons (10% new, 90% seasoned)