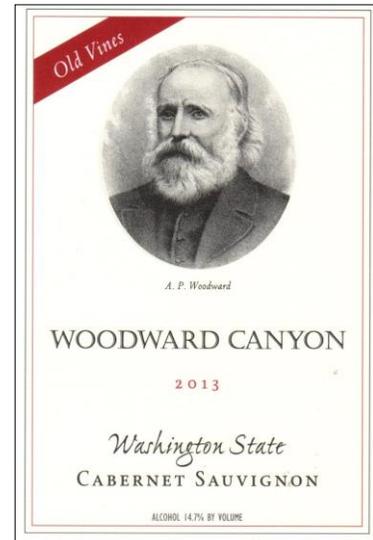


## 2013 "OLD VINES" CABERNET SAUVIGNON

<u>Varietal Composition:</u>	87% cabernet sauvignon 10% petit verdot 3% syrah
<u>Bottling Date:</u>	August 11, 2015
<u>Alcohol</u>	14.7 % by Volume
<u>Release Date:</u>	Winter 2016
<u>Production:</u>	738 cases 750 ml 30 cases 1.5L



### **Vineyards and Appellations:**

Sagemoor Vineyard (Columbia Valley), Champoux Vineyard (Horse Heaven Hills) and Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard (Walla Walla Valley).

### **Vintage Specific Characteristics:**

This 2013 Washington State "Old Vines" Cabernet Sauvignon is produced from grapes that were planted in the early 1970's. From late September through mid-October, the oldest grapes were harvested by hand from Sagemoor Vineyard (50%) and Champoux Vineyard (37%), located on two very distinct benches above the Columbia River. The petit verdot and syrah were harvested from Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard (13%).

### **Production Notes and General Characteristics:**

The wine was fermented in 2000 liter stainless steel tanks and was punched down two times per day. Average fermentation was between seven and ten days. After pressing and racking, the various lots were moved to new French barrels for aging and maturation. In early summer of 2015 the wine was racked from barrel, assembled and bottled mid-August.

This "Old Vines" Cabernet Sauvignon is elegant and complex yet shows the sophistication, balance and structure that come from decades of working with the same fabulous vineyards. It expresses the purity and typicity of fully mature cabernet sauvignon that can only be achieved from old vine fruit. The color is dark purple with elevated aromas of earth, spice, black fruits and leather. Flavors of black cassis/black fruit blend beautifully with the exotic spice of new oak. The texture is soft but firm with integrated tannins offering a rich, lingering finish. This is clearly a wine from a warmer vintage. With proper storage this wine should easily age for ten years or more.

### **Reviews:**

#### Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, July 2016

One of the stars of the lineup (yet also one of the most expensive as well), the 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Old Vines checks in as 87% Cabernet, 10% Petit Verdot and 3% Syrah, from vines planted in the 1970s, that spent 20 months in 100% new French oak barrels. Big, rich, chocolaty and concentrated, with tons of blackcurrant, singed toast, vanilla bean and smoked herbs, it has full-bodied richness, building tannin and the overall balance and purity to evolve gracefully for 10-15 years. 93

#### Wine Enthusiast, March 2016

Barrel notes of vanilla and spice take the lead in this aromatically brooding wine, followed by dried herbs and dark fruit. The flavors are pitch black, coating the palate from end to end with layers of fruit, tannins to go the distance and a graphite-filled finish that lingers. It will drink best from 2020-2027. 94 *Cellar Selection, Top 100 Cellar Selection 2016, #82*

#### Vinous, November 2016,

Dark ruby-red. Captivating aromas of cassis, blueberry, black plum, licorice, tobacco leaf and espresso, lifted by high-toned spices and flowers. Wonderfully rich, sweet and plush on the palate, offering terrific concentration and breadth to its flavors of dark berries, bitter chocolate and spices. Finishes with substantial noble tannins and slowly building, sneaky length. A superb showing today, but this wine has the balance for a long life in bottle. 93 *Points*