



# WOODWARD CANYON

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WALLA WALLA VALLEY

## 2015 "OLD VINES" CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The "Old Vines" Cabernet (originally "Dedication Series") has been in production since the bonding of the winery in 1981. Primary sourcing has always come from the oldest blocks of Champoux and Sagemoor Vineyards, some of the oldest cabernet blocks in the state. The 1987 vintage was the first Washington wine to be on Wine Spectator's Top 10 list. This is a full-bodied cabernet and will typically age well with proper cellar conditions, 15+ years from vintage. Produced and bottled on site at Woodward Canyon Winery.

### CURRENT AND PAST ACCLAIM

#### 93 Points, *Vinous*

"Reticent, brooding scents of blackberry, cassis, musky dark chocolate, licorice and flinty minerality, with brighter notes of blueberry and spices emerging with aeration. Highly concentrated and fine-grained, with its ripe dark chocolate and sexy oak flavors nicely buffered by the creaminess and depth of the old-vines dark berry fruit. Spreads out horizontally to saturate the palate and build slowly, with fine-grained tannins dusting the front teeth. While this wine has the material to age well, it's also balanced and inviting from the start."

#### 94 Points, *Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate* (v2014)

#### 94 Points, *Top 100 Cellar Selection Wines for 2017, Wine Enthusiast* (v2014)

#### 92 Points, *Vinous* (v2014)

#### 93 Points, *Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate* (v2013)

### VINEYARDS

#### Champoux Vineyard (48%)

Founded in 1972 and located in Alderdale Washington within the Horse Heaven Hills AVA, Champoux's original plantings of the famed "Block One" are regarded as being among the oldest and finest in Washington State and are a key component of our "Old Vines". In 1996 Woodward Canyon and fellow Washington State producers Powers/Badger Mountain Winery, Quilceda Creek Winery and Andrew Will Winery became joint owners. Malaga gravelly fine sandy loam over lacustrine deposits, glacial outwash. Slope 3%, 650ft elevation.

#### Sagemoor Vineyard (53%)

Founded in 1968, Sagemoor Vineyards was a pioneering effort that helped establish the Washington State wine industry. Its early vineyards are among the oldest large-scale plantings of vinifera grapes in the State. Rick began using Sagemoor fruit in his home winemaking days and we continue to use it today. A significant number of 1972 plantings are still producing our "Old Vines" Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from specific rows in Blocks 3 and 9. Quincy loamy fine sand, Sagehill very fine sandy loam, 2-10% slope. 572ft elevation.

#### Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard (9%)

Established in 1976, Woodward Canyon is the western most vineyard in Walla Walla Valley AVA, roughly 15 miles west of Walla Walla Washington. 42 vineyard acres planted and several more acres of green belts supporting native species such as western juniper, ponderosa pine, western sage brush, arrow leaf balsam root, and perennial wildflowers. Ritzville silt loam over fractured basalt, slope 15-18%. 750-850ft elevation. Managed by Woodward Canyon winery.



### WINE DATA

**Varietal composition:** 91% cabernet sauvignon, 9% petit verdot

**Alcohol:** 15.6%

**Bottling Date:** February 2018

**Release Date:** October 2018

**MSRP:** \$99

**Case Production:** 272 cases

### WINEMAKING

Hand harvested and sorted

48 hour cold soak

Free run juice only

Fermented in 2 ton stainless steel fermenters

100% New French Barrels, 22 months

Spontaneous malo-lactic fermentation