



WOODWARD CANYON

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WALLA WALLA VALLEY

2016 "ARTIST SERIES #25" CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Our Woodward Canyon "Artist Series" began in 1992 with the intent to showcase the finest cabernet sauvignon in Washington State and has since become our flagship wine. The vineyards used in the "Artist Series" are among the oldest and most highly regarded in the state, typical vine age is around 25 years old. The label changes every year with work from a different Pacific Northwest artist. The 2016 vintage was smaller and slightly warmer than 2015, yet at the same time gave impressive quality. Beautifully mature fruit was achieved through rigorous shoot thinning, leaf stripping and green harvesting.

CURRENT & PAST ACCLAIM

92 Points, *Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate*

92 Points, *Wine Spectator*

91+ Points, *Vinous*

90 Points, *Wine Enthusiast*

Gold & Best of Class, 2019 *Great Northwest Wines Invitational Wine Competition*

94 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck (former WA critic for Wine Advocate) (v2015)*

93 Points, *JamesSuckling.com (v2015)*

92 Points, *Silver, Decanter World Wine Awards (v2015)*

VINEYARDS

Champoux Vineyard (52%) Founded in 1972 and located in Alderdale Washington within the Horse Heaven Hills AVA. Woodward Canyon has been sourcing from Champoux since 1981. 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 - glacial outwash; warden silt loam - loess over lacustrine deposits; Sagehill fine sandy loam - lacustrine deposits with a mantle of loess. Slope 3%, 650ft elevation.

Spring Creek Vineyard (24%) Spring Creek Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon was planted in 1996 and 1997. The vineyard (elevation 1130 ft.) is located at the base of Rattlesnake Mountain, 5 miles northwest of Benton City, WA and 5 miles west of the Red Mountain AVA. The soils in this area are shallow and very rocky (broken basalt), resulting in naturally low yielding grape vines. Grape clusters from Spring Creek are typically smaller and later ripening due to the elevation and climate in this area. All of these factors combine, producing wines that are concentrated, higher in acidity and lower in pH and alcohol.

Sagemoor Vineyard (15%) 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 has been sourcing from Sagemoor since his days as a home winemaker in the 1970's. Quincy loamy fine sand 0-15% slope, 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. The 41 vineyard acres planted and several more acres of green belts support 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.

TASTING NOTES

This enticing and deeply colored red wine shows a complex nose of baking spice, black olive and graham integrated beautifully with aromas of ripe black fruits. In the mouth the wine is rich and elegant, showing subtle notes of herb and black berry. Integrated tannins enhance the texture and give proportion; the finish is complex, generous, and long. While this wine can be enjoyed now it will benefit greatly from additional cellaring for 10-15+ years from vintage.



WINE DATA

Varietal composition:

88% cabernet sauvignon,
7% cabernet franc, 3% malbec,
2% merlot

Alcohol: 14.9%

Bottling Date: April 18, 2019

Release Date: October 2019

MSRP: \$59

Case Production: 863 cases 750 ml

WINEMAKING

Hand harvested and sorted

48 hour cold soak

Fermented in 2 ton stainless steel
open top fermenters

50% new French Barrels, 30 months

Spontaneous malo-lactic
fermentation