



WOODWARD CANYON

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WALLA WALLA VALLEY

2016 NELMS ROAD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

In 1998, Woodward Canyon Winery began producing wines under its second label, Nelms Road. Nelms Road offers a cabernet sauvignon produced from Walla Walla Valley and Washington State grapes. It was developed to produce delicious and affordable red wine from younger vineyards and surplus lots of Woodward Canyon production. While this wine may be cellared for several years, it is truly ready for enjoyment now.

VINEYARDS

Champoux Vineyard

Champoux was founded in 1972 by Dan Mercer and originally called Mercer Ranch Vineyards until purchased by Paul and Judy Champoux. Champoux Vineyard is located in Prosser Washington within the Horse Heaven Hills AVA. The original Cabernet Sauvignon plantings of the famed "Block One" are regarded as being among the oldest and finest in Washington State and are one of the key components of our "Old Vines" Cabernet Sauvignon. In 1996 Woodward Canyon and fellow Washington State producers Powers Winery, Quilceda Creek Winery and Andrew Will Winery invested with Paul and Judy to purchase from Mercers.

Sagemoor Vineyard

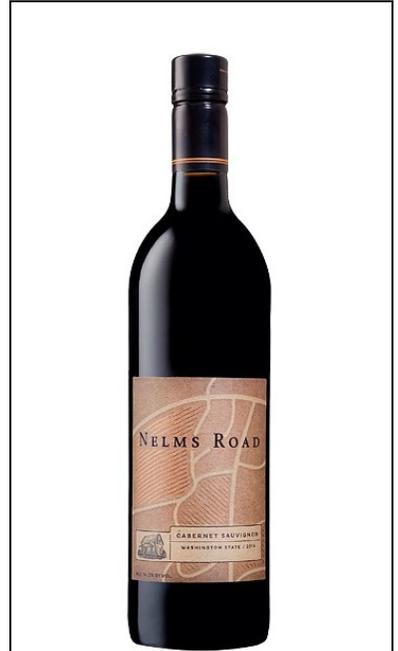
Founded in 1968 through the vision of Alec Bayless, Sagemoor Vineyards was a pioneering effort that helped establish the Washington State wine industry. Its early vineyards are among the oldest large-scale plantings of vinifera grapes in the State. Rick began using Sagemoor fruit in his home winemaking days and we continue to use it today. A significant number of 1972 plantings are still producing our highly acclaimed "Old Vines" Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from specific rows in Blocks 3 and 9.

Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard

Established in 1976, Woodward Canyon is the western most vineyard in Walla Walla Valley AVA, roughly 15 miles west of Walla Walla Washington. 41 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 in house by Woodward Canyon. Managed in house by Woodward Canyon. All grapes are Salmon Safe certified as is the wine.

TASTING NOTES

The warm growing conditions of 2016 gave enticing aromas of black current, olive, spices, tobacco, and lead pencil. The wine is deep red in color. In the mouth the wine offers savory blackberry fruit, mature tannins, beautiful texture and a long generous finish; the wine is in brilliant proportion. While this wine was produced for early consumption, it will improve with additional time in bottle. With proper storage this wine should easily age five years or longer. This red wine would be fantastic with wood-fired pizza, roasted meats and aged cheese.



WINE DATA

Varietal composition:

85% Cabernet Sauvignon,
10% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol: 14%

Bottling Date: Spring 2017

Release Date: Spring 2018

MSRP: \$25

Case Production: 2715 cases

WINEMAKING

Hand harvested and sorted
Neutral French barrels, 17 months
Partial spontaneous malo-lactic
fermentation