



2017 "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 at Woodward Canyon Winery.

CURRENT & PAST ACCLAIM

97 Points & Top 100 Wines of 2020, *Jeb Dunnuck*

95 Points, *Washington Wine Blog*

93 Points, *JamesSuckling.com*

92 Points, *Vinous*

92 Points, *Wine Enthusiast*

90 Points, *Wine Spectator*

VINEYARDS

Sagemoor Vineyard (80%)

Founded in 1968, Sagemoor Vineyards was a pioneering effort that helped establish the Washington State wine industry. Its early vineyards are among the oldest 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.

Champoux Vineyard (13%)

Founded in 1972 and located in Alderdale Washington within the Horse Heaven Hills AVA, Champoux's original plantings of the famed "Block One" Cabernet Sauvignon 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.

Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard (7%)

Established in 1976, Woodward Canyon is currently 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 Winery.

TASTING NOTES

This beautifully complex "Old Vines" Cabernet Sauvignon shows amazing sophistication. It expresses the purity of fully mature cabernet sauvignon fruit that can only be achieved from old vine fruit. The color is dark blackish purple. Intermingling aromas of baking spice, cedar, graphite and ripe blackberries develop in the glass. Flavors of black fruits blend beautifully with pencil, cigar box and exotic spice of new French oak. The texture is soft but firm with beautifully integrated tannins offering a rich, long finish. This wine will benefit greatly from additional cellaring and, with proper storage, should last ten years or more.



WINE DATA

Varietal composition: 93% cabernet sauvignon, 5% petit verdot, 2% malbec

Alcohol: 15%

Bottling Date: July 2019

Release Date: October 2019

MSRP: \$99

Case Production: 688 cases

WINEMAKING

Hand harvested and sorted

48 hour cold soak

Fermented in 2 ton stainless steel fermenters

100% New French Barrels, 21 months

Spontaneous malo-lactic fermentation