



## WOODWARD CANYON 2018 "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

95 Points, *Washington Wine Blog*

93 Points & Cellar Selection, *Wine Enthusiast*

92 Points, *Wine & Spirits*

91+ Points, *Vinous* – Stephen Tanzer

97 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck* (v2017)

94 Points, *JamesSuckling.com* (v2016)

### VINEYARDS

#### Sagemoor Vineyard (44%)

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 (38%)

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 (9%)

Established in 1976, Woodward Canyon is the westernmost vineyard in Walla Walla Valley AVA, roughly 15 miles west of Walla Walla Washington. There are 41 vineyard acres planted and several more acres of green belts that support native species such as western juniper, ponderosa pine, western sagebrush, arrowleaf balsamroot, and perennial wildflowers. Ritzville silt loam over fractured basalt, slope 15-18%, 750-850ft elevation. Managed by Woodward Canyon. All grapes are Salmon Safe certified.

#### Wallula Vineyard (9%)

The vineyard is planted on south-facing slopes which vary from 2% up to 30% grade and its perimeter totals 9 miles of varied terrain. Of this perimeter, the shore of the Columbia River provides nearly 3.5 miles of waterfront. From the river's edge at 320 feet above sea level, the property climbs to its peak elevation of 1367 feet, over a distance of nearly 3.5 miles. The river is of utmost importance as the water acts as a massive insulator where during the day heat accumulates quickly and at night it provides a cooling effect once the sun goes down. The surging waters of the Mis-soula floods that raced down the Columbia River during the last ice age deposited Shano silt loam soils on the site and carved the steep, basalt-rimmed canyon walls atop which the vineyards are planted.

### TASTING NOTES

This release of the "Old Vines" Cabernet Sauvignon is dark purple and dense in the glass. Inter-mingling aromas of ripe blackberries and cassis develop with a rich concentration of ripe black fruits. The new French oak beautifully integrates the fruit, acid, and alcohol creating a nice weight, texture, and overall mouthfeel. The smooth but firm tannins leave you with a rich, long finish. It expresses the purity of fully mature cabernet sauvignon fruit that can only be achieved from old vine fruit. This will pair nicely with fine cheeses and roasted meats.



### WINE DATA

**Varietal composition:** 91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot, 3% Malbec

**Alcohol:** 14.7%

**Bottling Date:** August 19, 2020

**Release Date:** October 2020

**MSRP:** \$99

**Case Production:** 678 cases

### WINEMAKING

Hand harvested and sorted

48 hour cold soak

Fermented in 2 ton stainless steel fermenters

100% New French Barrels, 22 months

Spontaneous malolactic fermentation