



2014 “ARTIST SERIES” CABERNET SAUVIGNON

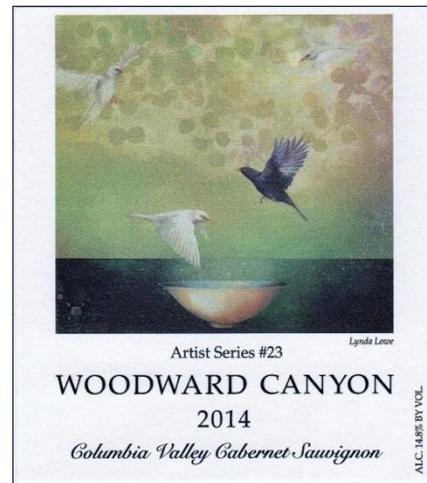
Varietal Composition: 92% cabernet sauvignon
6% cabernet franc
2% petit verdot

Alcohol: 14.8 % by volume

Bottling Date: June 2016

Release Date: May 2017

Production: 3250 cases 750 ml
240 cases 375ml
107 cases 1.5l



Vineyards:

Champoux Vineyard, Sagemoor Vineyard, Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard and Summit View.

Vintage Specific Characteristics:

The 2014 vintage was smaller and slightly cooler, yet at the same time gave impressive quality. Beautifully mature fruit was achieved through rigorous shoot thinning, leaf stripping and green harvesting.

All grapes were harvested by hand, sorted and de-stemmed. This Cabernet Sauvignon was fermented in small stainless steel tanks and was punched down or pumped over twice a day. Aging in French Chateaux barrels for twenty-two months has produced a well proportioned, complex and generous red wine. We have consciously chosen to use slightly less new French oak as these vineyards have gotten older; thus allowing the wine to express varietal typicity and a very distinct sense of place.

Production Notes and General Characteristics:

This “Artist Series” Cabernet Sauvignon is produced from grapes selected from some of the finest and most highly regarded vineyards in Washington State and the Walla Walla Valley. Each produces fantastic wine in their own right; when blended they produce extraordinary wine. This wine shows brighter fruit than the 2013.

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 and, with proper storage, should develop for ten years or more.

Reviews:

Wine Enthusiast, September 2017

Fruit for this wine comes from top sites Champoux, Sagemoor, Woodward Canyon Estate and Summit View vineyards. It brings classic Cabernet Sauvignon aromas of black current, black cherry and herbs along with generous barrel spices. The black-fruit and coffee flavors are lush and full, bringing a real sense of hedonism and delight. 93, *Top 100 Wines for 2017*

Wine Advocate, June 2017

Rocking notes of spice, incense, black raspberries and dried flowers all emerge from the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Artist Series (92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot), and it's a complex, nuanced, impeccably balanced beauty! With medium to full-bodied richness, no hard edges and notable purity, drink it anytime over the coming decade or more. 92

Wine Spectator, July 2017

This well-built red has a firm backbone wrapped in rich and expressive notes of blackberry, green olives and clove, lingering toward big, but refined tannins. Drink now through 2025. 92

Vinous, October 2017

Bright medium ruby. Sexy, aromatic nose offers scents of blueberry, mocha, espresso, licorice and woodsmoke, plus a whiff of Cabernet Franc leafiness. Dark fruit and spice flavors show a plush texture and a complicating element of exotic oak. This very rich wine will need some time to absorb its baby fat. Finishes with fine-grained tannins and excellent but not outstanding length. 91