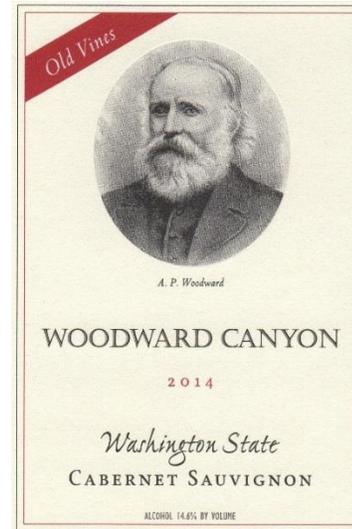




2014 "OLD VINES" CABERNET SAUVIGNON

<u>Varietal Composition:</u>	96% cabernet sauvignon 4% petit verdot
<u>Bottling Date:</u>	July 1, 2016
<u>Alcohol</u>	14.6 % by Volume
<u>Release Date:</u>	April 2017
<u>Production:</u>	606 cases 750 ml 22 cases 1.5L



Vineyards and Appellations:

Sagemoor Vineyard (Columbia Valley), Champoux Vineyard (Horse Heaven Hills) and Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard (Walla Walla Valley).

Vintage Specific Characteristics:

This 2014 Washington State "Old Vines" Cabernet Sauvignon is produced from grapes that were planted in the early 1970's. From late September through mid-October, the old block grapes were harvested by hand from Champoux Vineyard (55%) and Sagemoor Vineyard (41%) located on two very distinct benches above the Columbia River. The petit verdot was harvested from Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard (4%).

Production Notes and General Characteristics:

The wine was fermented in 2000 liter stainless steel tanks and was punched down two times per day. Average fermentation was between seven and ten days. After pressing and racking, the various lots were moved to new French barrels for aging and maturation. In early summer of 2016 the wine was racked from barrel, assembled and bottled in early July.

This "Old Vines" Cabernet Sauvignon is incredibly complex showing the sophistication, balance and structure that come from such extraordinary "old vine" vineyards. It expresses the purity and typicity of fully mature cabernet sauvignon that can only be achieved from old vine fruit. The color is dark purple with elevated aromas of cedar, baking spice, graphite and cassis. Flavors of black fruits blend beautifully with the exotic spice of new oak. The texture is silky yet firm with integrated tannins offering a rich, lingering finish. With proper storage this wine should easily age for ten years or more.

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Reviews:

Wine Enthusiast Magazine, November 2017

One of the state's best bottles year after year, this delivers herb, blackberry, woodspice and vanilla bean aromas. The palate is tightly wound and impeccably balanced, with a mixture of fruit and barrel flavors that show depth. Made with the future in mind, it will be best from 2025–2032. *94, Cellar Selection, Top 100 Cellar Selection Wines for 2017*

The Wine Advocate, June 2017

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Vinous, October 2017

Saturated bright ruby. Very rich, inviting aromas of blueberry liqueur and dark chocolate lifted by a violet topnote. Plush dark berry and spice flavors convey a lovely chocolatey sweetness, with the terrific old-vines concentration giving the wine a layered mouth feel. Finishes with substantial velvety, tooth-dusting tannins and slowly building, chocolatey length, with notes of cassis and graphite minerality arriving late. *92*