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Washington

COLUMBIA VALLEY
RED WINE

VARIETAL:
48% Cabernet Sauvignon
45% Merlot
7% Syrah

APPELLATION:
Washington
          Columbia Valley

BARREL:
75% new American oak
25% 2-year-old
American oak

ALCOHOL:
13.9%

PH:
3.79

TA:
6.0 G/L

RS:
0.5 G/L

TASTING NOTES:
The 2016 Washington blend has aromas of anise, black currant and candied cranberries with a hint of baking spices. The dark fruit flavors on the front of the palate are followed by smooth, elongated tannins on the mid-palate with a long, delicate finish.

WINEGROWING NOTES:
To make a well-balanced red wine, we blended Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah from three different appellations in Columbia Valley. The Wahluke Slope and Yakima Valley appellations experience desert-like conditions in the spring and summer months where hot days are followed by cool nights. As a result, the grapes are smaller with thicker skins which adds complexity and structure to the wine. The Horse Heaven Hills appellation shares similar soil types with the Wahluke Slope and Yakima Valley and experiences frequent winds throughout the growing season which stress the vines. Drip irrigation is used to help the fruit maintain the proper balance of sugar and acidity which produces intense flavor. The freshness and layers of fruit expressed in the wine are driven by this intensity of flavor.

HARVEST NOTES:
The 2016 growing season had a record warm spring followed by a cooler summer and fall allowing the fruit maximum hang time resulting in fully mature flavors and intense concentration.

WINEMAKING NOTES:
After fermentation, the wine was aged in 75% new American oak and 25% 2-year-old American oak to complement the flavors and tannins of the wine and soften the mid-palate.