

2015 REININGER Cabernet Sauvignon

Walla Walla Valley



DESCRIPTION

2015 was one of the hottest vintages to date, delivering our earliest harvest ever. Surprisingly, with the fruit ripening so quickly and the shortened hang time, the vintage provided ample acidity. Our deep ruby colored REININGER Cabernet Sauvignon shows off a nose of dark macerated fruit and cassis with notes of cacao nibs, mineral, crushed roses, and hints of mint/eucalyptus and wood spice. Black currant, plum and dark cherry descend on the palate with background tones of dried marionberries, loamy minerality and a judicious touch of oak with moderate drying tannins balanced by a fruit lifting acidity that evolves to a kirsch and black fruit finish. ~Chuck Reininger, Winemaker

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Blend: 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot

Cooperage: 79% French, 21% American (31% new)

pH: 3.8

TA: 6.2 g/L

Alc. 14.3%

Case Production: 623

Bottled: July 2017

THE VINEYARDS

PEPPER BRIDGE Pepper Bridge Vineyard dates back to 1991 when Norm McKibben planted 10 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Over the next two decades, Pepper Bridge expanded to about 200 acres. Known for its outstanding reputation with winemakers throughout the Walla Walla Valley and Washington State, Pepper Bridge has some of the most sought after grapes.

XL Founded in 2005 as part of the SeVein project, John & Martina Rempel started XL Vineyards on a 47-acre plot of land with the mission to focus on sustainable farming practices throughout the vineyard, from custom compost and soil composition testing to water quality and critter control. At a maximum elevation of 1,250 feet, XL is one of the highest planted vineyards in the Walla Walla Valley. XL's unique soil type and steep slopes provide vines with excellent air and water drainage, and can sustain a wide range of grape varieties.

HISTORY OF CABERNET SAUVIGNON

We've been making Walla Walla Cabernet Sauvignon since our inaugural vintage in 1997. For our REININGER label, we commonly source Cabernet Sauvignon from Pepper Bridge, Seven Hills and XL Vineyards. Highlights of past accolades includes a two-time inclusion in *Wine & Spirit's* "Year's Best USA Cabernet Sauvignon" issues, and over 25 90+ scores.

REININGER WINERY

REININGER Winery, located in the heart of the Walla Walla Valley, specializes in crafting elegant and finely structured wines from hand-harvested, ultra premium grapes. From our first release in 1997, REININGER wines have possessed a unique quality derived from the winemaker's awareness of and passion for the natural elements that make great wines.