

2016 REININGER Cabernet Sauvignon

91 points + Editor's Choice, *Wine Enthusiast*



DESCRIPTION

2016 was another hot year that initiated an early Walla Walla harvest. This Cabernet Sauvignon is brimming with scents of black currant and dark fruit with wisps of crushed rose petals and Walla Walla's famous mineral-rich loam soil. The palate has a rounded, medium, chalky tannin texture frontloaded with black currant, plum and black cherry fruit accompanied by hints of French oak spice and hints of white pepper. A lingering finish of heightened cherry melded with a soft note of wood toast completes this wine. ~Chuck Reininger, Winemaker

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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

Cooperage: 96% French, 4% Russian (36% new)

pH: 3.75

TA: 6.3 g/L

Alc. 14.6%

Case Production: 346

Bottled: July 2018

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.

SEVEN HILLS One of the first commercially planted vineyards in the Walla Walla Valley, Seven Hills dates back to 1982. Over the last 35 years, Seven Hills has expanded to more than 235 acres and is the source of fruit for many wineries across the state and Walla Walla Valley. Seven Hills has also been included in the top ten greatest vineyards in the world by *Wine & Spirits*.

XL Founded in 2005 as part of the SeVein project, XL Vineyards started on 47 acres with the mission to focus on sustainable farming practices. 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 varietals.

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.

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