

NOTA BENE CELLARS

Fine Red Wines from Washington State

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2016 ARIANSES VINEYARD : WAHLUKE SLOPE.....\$30

We proudly present another interesting vintage from Ariances Vineyard near Desert Air along the Columbia River just south of Mattawa. Special thanks to vineyard owner Bruce Zunker for his care and vision in growing the components to offer us this Bordeaux style blend. Merlot is dominant, but all varietals offer significant sensory components. The complexity and fruit forward nature of this wine are achieved with multi-yeast fermentations, bâtonage, and early integration through blending. We think you'll enjoy the fruits of our labor. Bottled 8/4/18; 157 cases produced; Alcohol 14.9%; pH 3.69, TA 6.26 g/L.

50% Merlot (Ariances Vineyard)
25% Cabernet Sauvignon (Ariances Vineyard)
14% Petit Verdot (Ariances Vineyard)
11% Cabernet Franc (Ariances Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in 13% once used French oak from Darnajou with the balance seasoned French oak from Alain Fouquet, Ton. deJarnac, and Ton. Vernou plus seasoned American oak from A&K.

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON - DINEEN VINEYARD : YAKIMA VALLEY.....\$38

This charming location near Zillah is quickly becoming our showcase vineyard of the Yakima Valley. Grapes for this wine were raised in Catherine's Block by owner Patrick Dineen and Vineyard Manager Patrick Rawn. The cool location brings out the rich dark berry notes you expect in a Cabernet coupled with well-structured tannins that finish with hints of chocolate and spice. Bottled alone, it offers one a chance to explore the terroir of this site. Special thanks to the Two Pats! Bottled on 8/4/18; 150 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.6%; pH 3.73, TA 6.19 g/L.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon (DineenVineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in Export style barrels of 17% new French oak from AB Selections and the balance seasoned French oak from Ton. Doreau, Taransaud, and Vernou.

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON – HEART OF THE HILL VINEYARD : RED MOUNTAIN.....\$45

We first sourced this wine as a component of our multi-vineyard red blend, which was the plan for the following vintages, but this wine has been too delicious on its own in barrel tastings to blend away the terroir. We think you'll like the extreme character of this Red Mountain location. So many dark berry fruit flavors that we must thank vineyard owner Scott Williams for his forethought in planting and raising such lovely wine. Enjoy! Bottled 8/4/18; 75 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.2%; pH 3.6, TA 6.05 g/L.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in Export-style barrels of 33% new French oak by AB Selections, 33% once used French oak by Tonnellerie Doreau, and 33% once used American oak by A&K..

2016 CABERNET FRANC – DINEEN VINEYARD : YAKIMA VALLEY.....\$25

Cabernet Franc on its own, alone, but not lonely, because this wine has so many friends. We have worked with the fruit from Dineen Vineyard for many years and have come to appreciate the varietal; sometimes savory and herbal finish, but full flavored and complex with concentrated dark berry fruit. Dineen Vineyard is located at the far west end of the Yakima Valley where the climate is relatively cool. We see rich tannins and length of finish in our wines, which leads us back to the vineyard year after year. Enjoy! Bottled 8/4/18; 100 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.6%; pH 3.67, TA 5.9g/L.

100% Cabernet Franc (Dineen Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in Export-style barrels of seasoned French oak from Ton. Doreau, Ton. Vernou, and Saury plus 25% seasoned American oak from A&K.

2016 CIEL DU CHEVAL VINEYARD : RED MOUNTAIN.....\$45

Ciel du Cheval Vineyard is a premier vineyard in Washington State. Located in the Red Mountain AVA, it is blessed with warm days and cool nights that ensure dominant, mature, ripe flavors. This vintage we return to a Cab Sauv dominant blend with significant contributions from Cab Franc and Merlot. The rich, dark berry flavors marry with the bold tannin structure typical of Ciel and Red Mountain. 33% new French oak contributes subtle caramel and vanilla components and assists in structuring the wine for considerable age in the cellar. We thank the Holmes family for raising this fine fruit during a wonderful season. Bottled 8/4/18; 150 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.95%; pH 3.68, TA 6.08 g/L.

50% Cabernet Sauvignon (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)
33% Cabernet Franc (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)
17% Merlot (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months Export-style barrels of 33% new French oak from AB Selections, 17% once used French oak by Alain Fouquet, and the balance seasoned barrels from Ton. Doreau, de Jarnac, and Ton. Vernou.

2016 MERLOT – CIEL DU CHEVAL VINEYARD : RED MOUNTAIN.....\$38

Ciel du Cheval Vineyard is a premier vineyard in Washington State. Located in the Red Mountain AVA, it is blessed with warm days and cool nights that ensure dominant, mature, ripe flavors. We expect luxurious wines with firm structure from Ciel du Cheval, and this Merlot is no exception. The rich, dark berry flavors marry and stream through a complex finish that lingers. We thank the Holmes family for his fine fruit during a wonderful vintage that can spend considerable time in a proper cellar. Enjoy! Bottled 8/4/18; 50 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.5%; pH 3.67, TA 5.94g/L.

100% Merlot (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in Export-style barrels of once used French oak from Ton. Vernou and twice used from Alain Fouquet.

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**2016 MALBEC – HEART OF THE HILL VINEYARD :
RED MOUNTAIN.....\$30**

Malbec has come to Washington State and found a new home where it is flourishing. Soft and supple tannins wrap a foreground of deep, dark blackberry and blueberry flavors to let you know you are experiencing a Malbec with a pedigree like Heart of the Hill Vineyard on Red Mountain. Washington State is growing some wonderful Malbec and most surely will continue to expand acreage. We thank vineyard owner Scott Williams for his vision and skill. Enjoy! Bottled 8/4/18; 50 cases produced; Alcohol: 15.4%; pH 3.69, TA 5.83 g/L.

100% Malbec (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in Export-style barrels of seasoned French oak by Tonnelleries Vernou and Alain Fouquet.

**2016 PETIT VERDOT – STONETREE VINEYARD :
WAHLUKE SLOPE.....\$35**

We hope this is the first of many single varietal offerings of Petit Verdot from StoneTree Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope. This warm location is perfectly suited for this grape. We harvested on 9/24/16 were rewarded with sumptuous dark juice with a pleasing floral character. Dark fruits are forward with nice natural acidity that will pair well with foods and facilitate cellar aging. Special thanks to Tedd Wildman for growing this wonderful Petit Verdot. Bottled 8/4/18; 75 cases produced; Alcohol 14.15%; pH 3.76, TA 6.73 g/L

100% Petit Verdot (StoneTree Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months Export-style barrels, 33% once used French oak from Artisan Barrel Selections and the balance seasoned French oak by Ton. Doreau and Saury.

**2016 MOURVÈDRE – HEART OF THE HILL
VINEYARD : RED MOUNTAIN.....\$30**

The sense of place when making wine in small lots is very important in understanding this wine. The grapes were sourced from Heart of the Hill Vineyard on Red Mountain, a fairly new project for owner/grower Scott Williams. We thank him for the wisdom of his toil and see the results in our Mourvèdre that benefits from warm days on Red Mountain. It's lush with fruit and spice followed by savory notes typical of this varietal, often supported with a dash of pepper. We hope you love it! Bottled 8/4/18; 50 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.95%; pH 3.65, TA 5.45 g/L

100% Mourvèdre (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in Export-style seasoned French oak barrels by Taransaud and Ton. Vernou with French oak infusion by Canton Cooperage.

**2016 SYRAH – CIEL DU CHEVAL VINEYARD :
RED MOUNTAIN.....\$45**

We've come to expect rich, dark fruit in our Syrah from Ciel du Cheval Vineyard...and maybe just a few savory notes to keep us guessing. We are showing the Tablas Creek clone of Syrah originally sourced from Chateau de Beaucastel of Châteauneuf-du-Pape by the Perrin family. The clones were propagated in the Tablas Creek Vineyard of California and on to Ciel du Cheval where they are making a wonderfully complex, supple wine with significant dusty tannins common to Red Mountain, and valued when properly cellared over time. Bottled 8/4/18; 75 cases produced; Alcohol 14.5%; pH 3.66, TA 6.34 g/L

100% Syrah (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months Export-style barrels, 25% new French oak from Artisan Barrel Selections, 50% once used French oak by Ton. Vernou, and the balance in seasoned French oak from Ton. Vernou.

**2016 SYRAH – STONETREE VINEYARD : WAHLUKE
SLOPE.....\$35**

This Syrah is sourced from StoneTree Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope near Mattawa at the end of O Road. This vineyard-designated wine has become a staple for us, again with a touch of Viognier from Zillah. This warm location produced a full-bodied Syrah that is deep and rich with a traditional style. Dark fruits are forward with savory spices, roasted nuts, and earthiness covered with dark chocolate at the end. Moderate acid levels let this wine please you on its own or with your favorite umami dominant foods, grilled or roasted. Special thanks to Tedd Wildman for growing this wonderful Syrah. Bottled 8/4/18; 100 cases produced; Alcohol 15.1%; pH 3.61, TA 6.3 g/L

95% Syrah (StoneTree Vineyard)
5% Viognier (Marcela Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in Export-style barrels of 25% once used French oak from Ton. Doreau, and seasoned French oak from Alain Fouquet, Ton. Vernou, and Ton. de Jarnac. All barrels included French oak infusion by Canton Cooperage.

2016 UNA NOTTE : COLUMBIA VALLEY.....\$30

How many times must you taste a wonderful wine before wanting to make one just like it? One night...was all it took for us to know we wanted to make a Southern Rhône style blend such as this. Probably our most fruit-forward wine of the vintage with strawberry and raspberry up front in the bouquet, soft, but with enough structure to give this wine length in a proper cellar. Special thanks to Tedd Wildman from Stone Tree Vineyard for the major components of this blend and a significant positive contribution of Mourvèdre from Scott Williams of Heart of the Hill and Ranch Vineyards. Bottled 8/4/18; 82 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.4%; pH 3.69, TA 5.54 g/L

77% Grenache (StoneTree Vineyard)
15% Syrah (8% Ranch at the End of the Road Vineyard 7% Arianses Vineyard)
8% Mourvèdre (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in 77% stainless barrels by Mueller (the Grenache). The Syrah and Mourvèdre were raised in seasoned French and American oak.