

RATING**92****TASTING DATE**

4/15/2020

MATURITY

2020 - 2028

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Washington State's
2017s

REVIEW

The 2016 Syrah Red Willow Vineyard 8 Clones checks in as a blend of 94% Syrah and 3% each of Viognier and Grenache that's all from the Red Willow Vineyard in the Yakima Valley. This medium ruby-hued effort offers a complex bouquet of black raspberries, rocky minerality, spring flowers, and blood orange. Made in an elegant, medium-bodied style, it has silky tannins and wonderful balance. Drink this ethereal, nuanced Syrah any time over the coming 7-8 years.

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REVIEW

Lastly, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Red Willow Vineyard Barrel Select comes from a great vineyard in the Yakima Valley and spent 30 months in new French oak. This ruby/purple-hued effort gives up a fresh, pretty bouquet of passion fruits, spring flowers, and orange blossom. This carries to a medium-bodied wine that has silky tannins, outstanding balance, and a great finish. It builds nicely with time in the glass and is one of those wines that grows on you. I think it will be even better with another year or two of bottle age, and it should keep for over a decade.

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04/05/2018

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2018 - 2026

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REVIEW

A blend of 94% Syrah, 4% Viognier, and 2% Grenache, the 2015 Syrah 8 Clones Red Willow Vineyard was brought up in 500-liter puncheons (50% new) for 18 months. Ripe plums, blueberries, cherries, cedary spice, and sappy flower notes all emerge from this medium to full-bodied, elegant Syrah. It has a rounded, friendly texture, integrated acidity, and the balance to keep for 7-8 years.

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Based on 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Malbec, 9% Merlot, and 4% each of Cabernet Franc and Petite Verdot, the 2015 Red Willow Vineyard David's Block spent a full 20 months in 60% new French oak. It's a lively, incredibly floral, elegant and medium-bodied effort that has perfumed notes of red and black currants, spring flowers, spice box, and damp earth. As with all the wines here, it's made in an elegant, seamless style that still offers plenty of fruit and richness. It's beautifully done and should evolve for upwards of a decade.

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2018 - 2023

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A blend of 68% Sangiovese, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 4% Cabernet Franc, the 2014 Red Willow Vineyard Old Salt spent 20 months in neutral barrels. Its medium ruby/purple color is followed by a pretty, elegant, seamless red that offers a subtle herbal style in its black cherry, leather, and graphite-laced aromas and flavors. I love its purity of fruit, and it's a joy to drink.

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REVIEW

More Cabernet Sauvignon-dominated, the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon is also ruby-colored and gives up a great bouquet of cassis, dried herbs, graphite, and some lead pencil. It's medium-bodied, has the juicy, lively style of the estate, and a good finish. Drink it over the coming decade. The blend is 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 7% Merlot, and the balance Malbec, all aged 20 months in 70% new French oak.

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The 2016s From
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REVIEW

The 2014 David's Block (60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Malbec, and the rest mostly Cabernet Franc) boasts a medium ruby color as well as a downright juicy bouquet of ripe black cherries, smoked earth, and leafy herbs. This medium-bodied red has good overall balance, nicely integrated acidity, a light, delicious texture, and a clean finish. It shines for its upfront charm and juicy fruit and should be drunk over the coming 7-8 years.

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REVIEW

The 2013 David's Block Red Willow Vineyard comes from one of the great vineyards in the state and is 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Malbec, and the rest Cabernet Franc, Carmenère, Merlot and Petit Verdot. It offers a deep purple/ruby-tinged color as well as lots of spice and cedar notes intermixed with candied violets, ripe black cherry, and incense aromas and flavors. With medium-bodied richness, fine tannin, and a lifted, perfumed style, drink it over the coming 7-8 years.