



## **2017 CVR COLUMBIA VALLEY RED WINE**

Since our founding in 1979, Quilceda Creek has dedicated itself to one thing: producing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon. Director of Winemaking Paul Golitzin believes that the winery's greatest assets are the vineyards of the Columbia Valley. Through vineyard ownership and control, and through precision farming, we are able to grow and produce the highest caliber Cabernet Sauvignon. Relentless pursuit of perfect Cabernet Sauvignon continues to be our guiding philosophy to this day. Quilceda Creek Cabernet Sauvignon has received five 100 point ratings from the *Wine Advocate* and three top ten wines of the year from the *Wine Spectator*.

*2017 marks the 39th vintage of Quilceda Creek since its founding in 1978. Since the beginning, our family has been singularly focused on the pursuit of world-class Cabernet Sauvignon.*

## **VARIETALS**

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96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Merlot, and 1% Cabernet Franc

## **VINEYARDS**

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Champoux, Palengat, and Wallula Vineyards in the Horse Heaven Hills AVA and Galitzine Vineyard in the Red Mountain AVA of Columbia Valley, Washington.

## **WINE ANALYSIS**

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Alcohol: 15.2%, TA 6.1g/L, pH 3.94

## **AGING**

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18 months in 70% new Taransaud, Darnajou and Saury French Oak barrels, followed by 10 months in bottle before release.

## **VINTAGE CONDITIONS**

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The 2017 growing season started out with a fairly cool Spring, followed by above average temperatures in July and August. Almost all of our Cabernet Sauvignon achieved its final ripening after copious amounts of hang time in October. The resulting fruit was physiologically mature, intense and perfect.

## **TASTING NOTES**

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The 2017 Quilceda Creek "CVR" Columbia Valley Red Wine is a combination of all our vineyard sites and represents a great value. Lush red and blue fruits are found in this wine with nuances of star anise, smoke, cedar and minerals. This blend will be best enjoyed over the next 15 years.

## **DRINKING WINDOW**

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2020 - 2040

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