

# 2016 VALERY

## *Right Bank Bordeaux - Style Red Blend*

**The story of this wine.** Valery is named for the Patron Saint of Wine in the St. Emilion region that inspired it. We started with old vine Merlot from a stony block in the heart of the Yakima Valley and added complex, aromatic Cabernet Franc from the Horse Heaven Hills. The result is a balanced, complex wine with the elegance and ethereal perfume that this blend of two of Washington's best varietals are known for.

**Winemaker Tasting Notes.** "Very dark color for this wine, befitting the excellent vintage. Red fruits and dark chocolate dustings, fresh tilled earth, rose petal, sarsaparilla, and a hint of tarragon and winter mint greet the nose. The palate is bright and lively with dark cherry, bittersweet chocolate, herbs and wet stones, but has a silky depth that keeps drawing you back as the wine opens. The finish is redolent of red fruits, floral elements and minerality. This is an elegant, compelling wine that is delicious now, but should evolve for 7-10 years in the cellar." - Chris Peterson, Winemaker

**Vintage:** 2016

**Blend:** 70% Merlot,  
30% Cabernet Franc

**Winemaking:** Native yeast, 30%  
new French oak, aged 20 months.  
Bottled unfinned, unfiltered.

**pH** 3.66  
**TA** 5.6 g/L  
**VA** .63 g/L  
**Alcohol** 14.5%

**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**Vineyards:**

Boushey Vineyard  
Merlot, 1986 planting

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Champoux Vineyard  
Cabernet Franc, 1997 planting

**Cases:** 240

**Release:** March 2019

**Jeb Dunnuck (92-94) barrel score:**

"...the 2016 Valery offers a dark, plummy, meaty, damp earth, and bay leaf scented bouquet. This gives way to a medium to full-bodied, Pomerol look-alike that has beautiful purity, fine tannin, and a great finish." -JD

