

Avennia Red Willow Cabernet Sauvignon

Avennia

United States - Washington - Yakima Valley

The 2016 Red Willow Cabernet is a true blockbuster.

Coming from one specific block of 30 year old vines at this iconic vineyard, then strictly barrel selected, this is the essence of powerful, old vine Washington Cabernet. After all of our efforts promoting the idea of the Bordeaux blend, it would take a pretty compelling argument to suspend that idea and make a 100% varietal Cabernet. In 2016 Red Willow provided us with just that. Each time we tasted it in the barrel, the belief grew that this was something special. Something we can't make every year. In the end we were won over, and decided to make a limited amount of this wine. But don't be fooled, as this too is a blend and a selection. Each year as we are tasting the grapes as harvest approaches, we notice that the vines near the bottom of this long, steep west-facing slope, are a little different. The vines at the bottom are in a little richer soil, and get a little more water, so we pick them separately, sometimes even a week or ten days apart, and keep them separate in barrel.

This wine is all from the top of the vineyard, with its lower yield and poorer soils giving more concentration and interest. Then further, nearly every combination of new and used French oak barrels were trialed to find the best blend. It's not enough just to use the four best barrels, but to trial each combination to see how they complement each other. For a wine with this much mass, 100% new French oak was used for the first time at Avennia. It is a wine that needs a little cellaring to start, but should last a very long time.



Specifications

Appellation	Yakima Valley
Varietals	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Vinification	Aged 20 months in 100% new French oak.

Codes, Weights and Measures

UPC	7 84585 02261 8	7 84585 02549 7
Units/Case	12	1
Unit Size	750 mL	1500 mL
Container	bottle	bottle
SCC	1 07 84585 02261 5	1 07 84585 02549 4
Case Weight	42	7
Cases/Pallet	56	
Layers/Pallet	14	
ABV	14.50%	14.50%
SRP	\$ 133.99 USD 750mL Bottle	\$ 281.99 USD 1500mL Bottle

Reviews and News

2016 Avennia Red Willow Cabernet Sauvignon - 95PTS - WWB

2016 Avennia Red Willow Cabernet Sauvignon - 94-96 PTS - JD
2014 Avennia Red Willow Cabernet Sauvignon - 97 PTS - WA
2014 Avennia Red Willow Cabernet Sauvignon - 97 PTS - JD
2014 Avennia Red Willow Cabernet Sauvignon - 91 PTS - VINOUS