

Aurora

ARTIST SERIES 2016

Blend:

49 % Cabernet Sauvignon

42% Syrah

9% Cabernet franc

Alcohol: 14.4% abv **TA:** 6.15g/L **pH:** 3.75

Case Production: 531 cases

Date Bottled: 5/2/2018

Grape Source(s):

Cabernet Sauvignon: Shaw Vineyard, Red Mountain AVA, WA

Syrah: Pace Vineyard, Yakima Valley AVA, WA

Cabernet Franc: Six Prong Vineyard, Horse Heaven Hills AVA, WA

Aging: 19 months in barrel

55% New French 4% New Hybrid, 41% Neutral

Winemaker Notes: The 2016 vintage began remarkably hot in the spring but cooled off by summer. This extended hang time allowed for both gradual and even ripening--perfect weather for developing ripe fruit flavors and expressive aromatics. Inspired by some of Australia's most famous blends, we combined soft, lush Syrah with firmly structured Cabernet Sauvignon and aromatic Cabernet franc. Aged in 55% new French oak for added structure and complexity, this wine is one of the premier blends of the vintage.

Tasting Notes: Plush and seductive, our Australian inspired blend of 49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Syrah, and 9% Cabernet franc has notes of cocoa nib, duck fat, and blueberry compote.

Awards:

Double Gold- 2019 Cascadia Wine Competition

Gold - 2019 New Orleans International Wine Awards

Double Platinum - 2019 Wine Press Northwest

Platinum - 2020 Wine Press Northwest

Gold - 2020 San Francisco International Wine Competition

Pairing Suggestions:

- Grilled sausage with roasted vegetables
- Lamb
- Venison
- Rib-eye steak with maitre d' butter
- Flavorful cheeses

Price: \$32.00

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