

# *Iron Gate* ARTIST SERIES 2017

**Blend:** 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 5% Cabernet franc

**Alcohol:** 15% abv **TA:** 6.3 g/L **pH:** 3.78

**Case Production:** 454 cases

**Date Bottled:** 5/2/19

**Grape Source(s):**

Cabernet Sauvignon - Shaw Vineyard - Red Mountain AVA, WA

Merlot - Red Mountain AVA, WA

Cabernet franc - Six Prong Vineyard - Horse Heaven Hills AVA, WA

**Aging:** 17 months in oak barrels 74% New French, 21% Neutral French, 5% 1 year French

**Winemaker Notes:** Our inspiration for Iron Gate was a famous 100-point Bordeaux wine that Bettina gave to us a decade ago. While visiting Bordeaux, CC and I made a joke of getting our photo in front of the imposing gates of this great French Chateau knowing they are not open to the public and their wine is sold mostly to collectors. The idea struck us to make our own premium Bordeaux blend that we could welcome our guests to enjoy at an accessible price. To create this wine, we sourced from some of the best growers and regions in Washington State, including sites in Red Mountain and Horse Heaven Hills. Aged in a large percentage of new French oak to frame its age-worthy tannins, the resulting wine is dark, aromatic, and richly textured.

**Tasting Notes:** With flavors of black cherry, kola nut, and eucalyptus, this contemplative blend is a harmonic fusion between old-world inspiration and new-world terrior.

**Awards:**

Double Gold, 97 Points - 2021 San Francisco International Wine Competition

**Pairing Suggestions:**

- Braised Short Ribs
- Buffalo Slider
- Blue Cheese Crostini
- T-Bone Steak
- Cheese: Olive Oil Marinated Chevre, Blue Cheese, or Thyme Cheddar

**Price:** \$18.00

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