

Iron Gate ARTIST SERIES 2015

Blend: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon | 7.5% Cabernet franc | 7.5% Merlot

Alcohol: 14.7% abv **TA:** 6.38g/L **pH:** 3.73

Case Production: 319 cases

Date Bottled: 5/19/17

Grape Source(s):

Cabernet Sauvignon: Shaw Vineyard, Red Mountain AVA, WA

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

Merlot: Les Collines Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley AVA, WA

Aging: 18 months in oak barrels: 100% New French/American blend

Winemaker Notes: Our inspiration for Iron Gate was a famous 100-point Bordeaux wine that Bettina gave to us almost a decade ago. While visiting Bordeaux a few years back, CC and I made a joke of getting our photo in front of the imposing gates of this great French Chateaux knowing they are not open to the public and their wine is sold mostly to collectors. The name "Iron Gate" is sort of a hipster ironic jab at elite wineries that put up imposing iron gates. We wanted 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, Horse Heaven Hills, and Walla Walla. The 2015 vintage was incredibly hot, but, despite the intense heat, Washington's distinctive diurnal flux allowed the grapes to ripen with high sugars without sacrificing acidity. Aged in 100% new oak to frame its firm, age-worthy tannins, the resulting wine is dark, aromatic, and richly textured.

Tasting Notes: Rich and textured with black currant, cordial cherries, and age-worthy tannins.

A special thank you to artist Erin McGee Ferrell for capturing our winemaker's passion in her painting which became the wine's label.

Awards:

Silver Medal - 2018 Vinales Internationales (Paris)

Gold Medal - 2018 Cascadia 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: \$32.00

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