

Iron Gate ARTIST SERIES 2016

Blend: 76% Cabernet Sauvignon | 19% Merlot | 5% Cabernet franc

Alcohol: 14.5% abv **TA:** 6.37g/L **pH:** 3.75

Case Production: 249 cases

Date Bottled: 5/2/18

Grape Source(s):

Cabernet Sauvignon: Shaw Vineyard and Scooteny Flats Vineyard, Red Mountain AVA, WA

Merlot: Scooteny Flats Vineyard, Red Mountain AVA, WA

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

Aging: 19 months in 100% new French

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, 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. 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 and Horse Heaven Hills. In 2016, both areas experienced a long, spectacular growing season allowing the grapes to develop ripe flavors and expressive aromatics. Aged in 100% new French oak to frame its age-worthy tannins, the resulting wine is dark, aromatic, and richly textured.

A special thank you to artist Donald Rainville for this painting which became the wine's label.

Tasting Notes: With flavors of black cherry, kola nut, and cinnamon, this contemplative blend of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, and 5% Cabernet franc is a harmonic fusion between old world inspiration and new world terroir.

Awards:

Best of Class - 2021 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

Gold - 2020 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

Gold - San Francisco International Wine Competition 2019 (91 Points)

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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