

Prince Valiant 2016

Blend:

78% Merlot

22% Syrah

Alcohol: 14.3% abv **TA:** 6.52 g/L **pH:** 3.52

Case Production: 848 cases

Date Bottled: 5/3/18

Grape Source(s):

53% Merlot - Boushey Vineyard, Yakima Valley AVA, WA

25% Merlot - Crawford/Rawn, Yakima Valley AVA, WA

22% Syrah - Pace Vineyard, Yakima Valley AVA, WA

Aging: 18 months in 40% new Hybrid, 3% new French, 57% 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 flavors and expressive aromatics. Although our Prince Valiant is typically a Meritage blend, with this vintage we decided to try a new direction following an old path. In the 19th century, it was a common practice for Bordeaux wineries to add some northern Rhone Syrah into their blends to improve color and depth. As an experiment, we gave this a try with incredible results.

Tasting Notes: Inspired by 19th century Bordeaux blending practices, our retro fusion of 78% Merlot and 22% Syrah is velvety soft with notes of huckleberry, eucalyptus, and licorice.

Pairing Suggestions:

- Sirloin steak / Hanger steak
- Pork tenderloin
- Iberico ham
- Cheese: Taleggio or Manchego

Price: \$22.00



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