



SEVEN HILLS

WINERY

2016 CIEL DU CHEVAL VINEYARD RED WINE *Red Mountain*



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This wine marks our 16th vintage from the famed Ciel du Cheval Vineyard on Red Mountain, one of the oldest and most proven vineyards in the Northwest. Each varietal was picked and vinified separately and blended early during the winter following harvest. The wine then went back to barrel for an additional year and a half before bottling. We believe that this early assemblage allows for the wine to be less a composed wine of its varietal parts and more a singular representation of place.

The wine is a deep red color, transitioning to magenta around the edges. The nose is rich and expressive, displaying black fruits and tobacco leaf with hints of dust and desert herb. The palate is full and opulent, with substantial firm, ripe tannins well integrated and balanced with rich flavors of blackberry, licorice, forest floor and creamy oak. It is delicious now, will improve substantially in the first few years of cellaring, and will age gracefully for at least ten years.

TECHNICAL NOTES

VINEYARD	<i>Ciel du Cheval Vineyard, Red Mountain</i>				
VARIETALS	<i>49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 12% Petit Verdot, 12% Cabernet Franc</i>				
VINTAGE	<i>Typical growing conditions, with the lengthy ripening season producing lush flavored fruit, polished structure and exotic aromatics</i>				
AGEING	<i>20 months in French oak barrels, 50% new</i>				
AROMA	<i>Cherry, licorice, dried fig, sweet oak, mocha, dust</i>				
TASTE	<i>Ripe black cherry, date, fig, black pepper, mineral</i>				
ALCOHOL	<i>14.5%</i>	LOT SIZE	<i>1000 cases</i>	PRICE	<i>\$55.00</i>

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