

2018 Members Red Blend Columbia Valley

CASES 64

WINEMAKER NOTES

Born of fire: during the 2018 vintage fires raged in the Rockies, Cascades, and Blue Mountains. Basically, any direction that the wind would blow, our Yakima Valley was filled with smoke and ash particles, blotting out the sun and delaying harvest for all crops for about a month....it was an epic vintage. The Members Only Red Blend started with a co-ferment of Alder Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon and Lonesome Spring Ranch Petit Verdot aged in new American Oak barrels. Then we blended it with Crawford Farms Malbec. This Bordeaux blend is rich and well structured with aromas of blackberry, plum and sweetness of Grandma's home made jam. The new oak delivers sweet toffee, vanilla and cedar. There are hints of savory bacon and white pepper. This wine will age for a solid decade and will mature to reveal its other mysteries of a smoke-filled year. But it tastes great now, so enjoy!

Gordon Taylor, Winemaker

VINEYARD

Location: Alder Ridge, Horse Heaven HillsPlanted: 1998Soil: Warden silt loamLocation: Lonesome Spring Ranch, Yakima ValleyPlanted: 2004Soil: Scoontey silt loamLocation: Crawford Farms, Yakima ValleyPLANTED: 1999SOIL: Warden silt loam

WINEMAKING

Cabernet Sauvignon · Alder Ridge

Harvested:October 18, 2018Brix :26pH: 3.7Yeast: VITA DRYMax Temp:83.7°FFermentation:7 daysPressed: October 25, 2018

CO-FERMENTED WITH

Petit Verdot · Lonesome Spring Ranch

Harvested: October 18, 2018 Brix : 26 pH: 3.7 Yeast: VITA DRY Max Temp: 83.7°F Fermentation: 7 days Pressed: October 25, 2018

Malbec · Crawford Vineyards

Harvested: October 10, 2018 Brix: 26 pH: 3.63 Yeast: NT-116 Max Temp: 83°F Fermentation: 7days Pressed: October 17, 2018

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Wine Lore: At Daven Lore, our club members are family. They have stood by us through thick and thin as we survived a recession, fires, floods, and many other challenges. Over the years, we have made a special varietal release just for members. To show our gratitude, we present this small batch red blend. We hope you enjoy drinking it as much as we enjoyed making it for you. Cheers!



TECHNICAL DATA Alcohol: 15 **Final pH:** 3.6 **Blend:** 40% Alder Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon 40% Lonesome Spring Ranch Petit Verdot 20% Crawford Farms, Malbec **Bottled:** July 28, 2023 **Cases Produced:** 64

FOOD PAIRINGS

Empanadas Zucchini and white bean Caesar salad Pasta Fagioli Boeuf Bourguinon Pears poached in red wine

