2017 SESTINA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Left Bank Bordeaux - Style Red Blend

The story of this wine. The Sestina is an ancient form of poetry from Medieval France. Just as a modern poet can fill this form with new expressions, we use the traditional Bordeaux blend to express Washington. Sestina is our vision for an old vine, complex blend where all of the components complement each other. This wine is designed for the cellar, so the emphasis is on structure, balance, and complexity.

Winemaker Tasting Notes. "Good deep ruby/garnet color, with aromas of black cherry, fresh black currant, dark mocha, cigar box, and graphite. The palate is lively and dense with mountain berries, mocha, vanilla honey, damp earth, and wildflowers. The finish shows a distinct chalky minerality and beautiful tension. This is a classically balanced and ageworthy Sestina. Drink 2025-2040." - Chris Peterson, Winemaker

Vintage: 2017

AVA: Columbia Valley

Blend:

77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc

Winemaking: Native yeast, 54% new French oak, aged 21 months. Bottled unfined, unfiltered.

pH 3.81 **TA** 5.6 g/L **VA** .70 g/L

Vineyards:

Cabernet Sauvignon 34% Dionysus Vineyard (1973) 30% Red Willow Vineyard (1985) 13% Bacchus Vineyard (1972)

17% Merlot - Red Willow (1985)

6% Cabernet Franc - Bacchus (1997)

Alcohol 14.4% **Cases:** 400

Release: March 2020

Jeb Dunnuck - 95 points:

"Rocking levels of crème de cassis, sappy herbs, violets, and cedar pencil all flow to a full-bodied, incredibly pure, polished 2017 that offers flawless balance, ripe tannins, and a great, great finish. It's more approachable than normal yet is still going to evolve for 15 to 20 years." - JD



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The Sestina is a type of poem with an ancient structure within which new ideas can flourish. Our Sestina blend has the same goal: Old World Bordeaux varieties chosen from great vineyands, and treated in a traditional fashion, yielding a modern vision of Washington's finest terroirs.

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