



# 2017 COLUMBIA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Since our founding in 1978, Quilceda Creek has dedicated itself to one thing: producing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon. Director of Winemaking Paul Golitzin believes that the winery's greatest assets are the vineyards of the Columbia Valley. Through vineyard ownership and control, and through precision farming, we are able to grow and produce the highest caliber Cabernet Sauvignon. In award of our relentless pursuit of producing perfect Cabernet Sauvignon, Quilceda Creek has received six 100 Point ratings from the Wine Advocate, one 100 Point rating from Decanter and three Top Ten Wines of the Year from the Wine Spectator.

2017 marks the 39th vintage of Quilceda Creek since its founding in 1978. Since the beginning, our family has been singularly focused on the pursuit of world-class Cabernet Sauvignon.

## VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### VINEYARDS

Champoux, Mach One, and Palengat Vineyards. These three vineyards are located in the Horse Heaven Hills AVA in Columbia Valley, Washington.

## WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.8%, pH: 3.95, TA: 6.0 g/L

#### **AGING**

20 months in 100% new Darnajou and Taransaud French Oak barrels followed by 10 months in bottle before release.

## VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2017 growing season started out with a fairly cool Spring, followed by above average temperatures in July and August. Almost all of our Cabernet Sauvignon achieved its final ripening after copious amounts of hang time in October. The resulting fruit was physiologically mature, intense and perfect.

#### TASTING NOTES

Showcasing the singular and elusive perfume of Champoux Vineyard at its very best, the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon shows beautiful crème de cassis, graphite, spice box, and lead pencil notes flowing to a full-bodied, soft, elegant wine that has beautiful tannins, no hard edges, and a seamless texture. Charming and hard to resist.

#### DRINKING WINDOW

2020 - 2040