



2016 Pirouette
VINTAGE SELECT SOLO DANCER
Columbia Valley

Tasting Notes: A youthful, elegant wine exhibiting the hallmark characteristics of a Bordeaux blend. Aromas of savory dried sage, warm vanilla and nutmeg are seamlessly intertwined with oak spice and a hint of licorice. Earthy notes transition to complex, dark fruit flavors displayed across an exceptionally lush, rich palate. The finish is long and graceful, with a distinctive note of licorice. Drinking beautifully now, this wine promises to evolve gracefully in the cellar for at least another decade.

Vintage The 2016 vintage was a hot growing season that required extra care in the vineyards. Throughout the summer, winemaker Gilles Nicault collaborated closely with vineyard managers to manage cane growth and outer foliage, shielding the grapes from the sun while ensuring even maturation in the fruit zone. Warm fall temperatures accelerated ripening, but the Columbia Valley's cool autumn nights preserved the grapes' natural acidity, resulting in a vintage that produced wines with a harmonious blend of rich flavors and vibrancy.

Winemaking Hand-sorted grapes underwent a variety of fermentation techniques to build layers of complexity and richness in this refined blend. Cabernet Sauvignon was fermented in 400L French oak barrels gently rolled throughout fermentation to add structure and showcase the grapes' rich, supple tannins. All other varieties were fermented in traditional stainless-steel tanks, with select lots enjoying longer skin contact to enhance the wine's dark color and mid-palate. Aged 22 months in all French oak barrels, 85% new. After carefully reviewing each lot held in reserve for this wine, only the finest barrels of the vintage were selected for the final blend.

Vineyards Red Mountain is prized for its Cabernet Sauvignon, and this wine displays all the structure and textured richness that has come to characterize grapes from this acclaimed growing region. A small amount of clone 7 Cabernet Sauvignon from the Horse Heaven Hills adds true Bordeaux character. Dionysus Vineyard's Petit Verdot contributes to the wine's complex aromas and flavors.

Blend: 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Petit Verdot, 16% Malbec
pH: 3.82
TA: 0.57
Case Production: 123 cases

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