



2016 PEDESTAL
Red Wine
VINTAGE SELECT
Columbia Valley
Michel Rolland

Long Shadows Vintners wines are made in small lots to allow maximum blending flexibility. Occasionally, a few lots or select barrels stand out as exemplary of the vintage. When this is the case and the winemaker identifies a rare, exceptional wine worthy of showcasing, a limited release Vintage Select wine is produced.

Tasting Notes: A deeply hued wine, drawing you in with its rich inky color – a visual prelude to an extraordinary sensory experience. Alluring aromas of black cherries and ripe plums, accompany a delightful medley of blackberry, red currant, raspberry and dark chocolate flavors. The wine's texture is firm yet velvety with a youthful exuberance that enhances the tasting experience and provides a long, luxurious finish.

Vintage: Like the last several growing seasons, 2016 was another hot year that required extra care in the vineyards. Building on the success of our canopy management program over the last few vintages, we worked with growers throughout the season to encourage growth of the canes and outside foliage to protect against the sun while opening up the fruit zone for even maturation. Warm temperatures in the fall hastened ripening, but the Columbia Valley's cool autumn nights protected the grapes' acidity, yielding bright, vibrant wines that will drink well in their youth but also promise to bring enjoyment to those who cellar.

Winemaking: Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot lots were singled out and fermented in French oak barrels for up to 30 days to broaden their mouthfeel and depth. The wine was then aged in all French oak barrels for 22 months before going to bottle for an extended cellaring to refine the tannins and add complexity.

Vineyards: Cabernet Sauvignon from the Red Mountain AVA provides richness and backbone to the mid-palate while Merlot from the Dionysus Merlot block 15 adds softness and layers of complexity with notes of dark berries.

Blend: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon
50% Merlot

Alcohol: 15.4%

pH: 3.82

TA: 0.55

Production: 120 cases