



CLIFTON HILL VINEYARD  
2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
WAHLUKE SLOPE

Varietal Composition:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Wahluke Slope
Bottled:	July 28, 2016
Technical Data:	Alc. 15.3% by vol.; RS: 0.01%; TA: 5.8 g/L; pH: 3.65
Cases Produced:	324
Production & Aging:	Barrel aged for 22 months in 75% new Sylvain French Oak

### THE VINTAGE

The 2014 vintage was the hottest on record for the grape harvest in Washington state. A warmer than average season encouraged early shoot growth, without any late season frost. Periods of high temperatures early in the season slowed physical development in shoot growth, but then a period of consistent heat was experienced during the onset of berry formation. The season included an extended Indian summer that was made up of warm days and cool nights throughout harvest, resulting in concentrated fruit character in the whites and lush tannins and color in the reds. The stable weather pattern allowed for well-scheduled fruit picking decisions which transitioned naturally through all varieties.

### THE VINEYARD

Sourced from award-winning Clifton Hill Vineyard in Washington State's Wahluke Slope AVA.

### THE WINEMAKING

Throughout harvest, Winemaker Richard Batchelor worked closely with the grower and visited the vineyard to taste for maturity and ripeness to determine the precise moment to pick the fruit. Grapes were hand-harvested during the cool hours of the morning to preserve bright fruit notes. This single vineyard lot underwent a five day pre-fermentation cold soak before the tank was allowed to go through a native fermentation to dryness in about 21 days. Only the free run juice was collected and no press fraction was used in the making of this wine. The lots were then aged in Sylvain French oak for 22 months. For the first year this wine was stirred in barrel on its lees and racked when necessary to soften the tannins. After the first 12 months, the wine was racked off the lees for clarity before bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

Warm black berry pie and plum notes are surrounded with spicy clove, black pepper and cherry tannins with a firm, warming finish.

### AWARDS

Best of Class; 2017 Seattle Wine Awards



Pacific Northwest Winery of the Year  
Wine Press Northwest, 2015

Winery of the Year  
San Francisco International, 2014

Top 10 Winery of the World  
World Association of Wine Writers & Journalists, 2014

Winemaker of the Year  
INDY International, 2013