



PAINTED HILLS VINEYARD
2015 DOLCETTO
COLUMBIA VALLEY

Varietal Composition:	100% Dolcetto
Appellation:	Columbia Valley
Bottled:	August 9, 2017
Technical Data:	Alc. 14.5% by vol.; RS: 0.01%; TA: 6.17 g/L; pH: 3.54
Cases Produced:	96
Production & Aging:	Aged for 20 months in 40% new French Oak

THE VINTAGE

The 2015 vintage was one for the record books with an exceptionally warm growing season which led to an historically early start and end to the grape harvest in Washington state. At Maryhill Winery, the arrival of grapes began on August 24th and carried strong until the final delivery on October 15th. Although the warmest growing season on record, the quality of the fruit was phenomenal and the wines from the 2015 vintage show to be well-balanced with deep, concentrated flavors.

THE VINEYARD

Sourced from Art den Hoed's award-winning Painted Hills Vineyard near the Yakima Valley town of Mabton in Washington State's Columbia Valley 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 French oak barrels for 20 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

On the nose are aromas of warm fruit, accentuated by sweet jasmine notes while the palate continues with hints of leather and blueberry and finishing with rich tannins.

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