2015 Cabernet Sauvignon

Klipsun Vineyard, Columbia Valley

Winemaker's Notes

With its deep, almost opaque color this Cabernet delivers powerful aromas of cassis, black pepper, vanilla and smoke. Pronounced flavors of blackberry, cherry, dark chocolate and spice sing smoothly across the palate. Rich and full bodied, its firm tannic grip will allow this wine to age gracefully over the next 10-15 years.

Technical Notes

Harvest: 09/16/2015
Brix at Harvest: 26°
pH: 3.86
Alcohol: 15%
Residual Sugar: 0 g/L
Aging: 12 Months
Barrels: 100% French Oak
New Oak: 50%

Grapes: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Vineyard: Klipsun Vineyard
AVA: Red Mountain, Columbia Valley, WA
Year Planted: 1984
Trellis: Bi-lateral cordon
Skin Contact: 24 days
Unfiltered
Fined with traditional egg whites

The Vineyard

A few rows of Cabernet Sauvignon in the old blocks of Klipsun Vineyard are the only sourcing of fruit that we obtain from Washington State. The vineyard was planted by David and Patricia Gelles in 1984 to mostly bi-lateral cordon with an average of 750 plants to the acre. The vines have a light canopy, keeping the foliage to a minimum, especially on the east side of the vine. Red Mountain Appellation is in an arid desert region, west of the Yakima and Columbia rivers. Characterized by daytime temperatures of 90°F, nighttime temperatures can drop below 50° F. The western-exposed vineyard ensures the fruit receives the peak heat and light later in the day.

The Soléna Story

After successful careers in the Oregon wine industry, the husband and wife team of Laurent Montalieu and Danielle Andrus Montalieu purchased an 80-acre estate to commemorate their marriage. In May 2002, they launched Soléna by releasing their first bottling and, shortly thereafter, opening a tasting room in Carlton. Soléna is the combination of the Spanish and French words Solana and Soleil, celebrating the sun and the moon, and the name that Laurent and Danielle gave to their daughter. Soléna Estate began as a way to explore winemaking with other varietals grown in neighboring appellations while the family's young Domaine Danielle Laurent vineyard in the Yamhill-Carlton District matured. In May, 2007, Danielle and Laurent added the spectacular 100-acre Hyland Vineyard in the McMinnville AVA to their estate vineyard holdings. Today Laurent and Danielle are producing Pinot Noir from their estate vineyards as well as Pinot Gris, Merlot, Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, and Late Harvest Riesling from select sites throughout Oregon and Washington.

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