

Board Track Race

THE CHIEF



BLEND

90% Cabernet Sauvignon
8% Merlot
2% Malbec

APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

PRODUCTION

2500 Cases

2016 VINTAGE

2016 continued the trend of warm growing seasons in Washington marked by an early start. Bud break and bloom were significantly advanced from historical dates, with bloom occurring in some areas as early as the third week of May, a good two-plus weeks ahead of average. By the end of May, 2016 was easily on pace to surpass 2015 as the warmest vintage on record. To everyone's surprise, beginning in June, temperatures swung back toward normal. Many winemakers did not see the cool second half coming, and these cooler temperatures persisted throughout the majority of the summer.

TASTING NOTES

The 2016 Chief shows immense complexity, with Cabernet Sauvignon's cedar aromatics and black currant at the forefront. Fresh violets combine with flavors of blackberry and silky vanilla, and subtle chocolate notes. It has a broad finish, with a balance of acidity and tannin.

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