Lu + Oly

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

BLEND

85% Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Merlot 5% Malbec

APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

VINTAGE 2017

2017 VINTAGE

The 2017 vintage started out with a cool, wet winter, with significantly above average snowfall in eastern Washington. Going into spring, the cool trend continued. The early part of summer saw average temperatures in the Columbia Valley followed by above average temperatures in July and August. As a result, heat accumulation was a bit above average for the season, despite the cool start. Harvest began right on schedule, perhaps even a bit early, in late August. In the second half of September, temperatures cooled considerably, which delayed ripening. This allowed for luxurious amounts of hang time without the threat of increased sugar accumulation, stretching harvest into the first week of November. As a result, winemakers report that sugars were slightly down in 2017 whereas acid levels were up.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of cherry, spice, and raspberry mingle on the nose with vanilla and slight cedar box. A full-bodied mouthfeel provides dark fruit flavors and dark berries, with refined acidity and firm tannins. The finish is lengthy and balanced.



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