

# 2016 SESTINA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*Left Bank Bordeaux - Style Red Blend*

**The story of this wine.** The Sestina is an ancient form of poetry from Medieval France. Just as a modern poet can fill this form with new expressions, we use the traditional Bordeaux blend to express Washington. Sestina is our vision for an old vine, complex blend where all of the components complement each other. This wine is designed for the cellar, so the emphasis is on structure, balance, and complexity.

**Winemaker Tasting Notes.** “Quite dark in color for Sestina, consistent with this vintage. The nose is very expressive and deep, with dark blackberry compote, crème de cassis, roasted espresso, crushed violets, and graphite. On the palate, there is an intense concentration and depth in the mid-palate, yet the acidity keeps it light on its feet. Berry reduction, rubbed savory herbs, winter mint, and crushed rock minerality on the balanced palate. It finishes with an intense, yet pliant texture. Though drinking very nice now with decanting, this should be one of the longest lived wines we’ve made. Drink 2022-2042.” - Chris Peterson, Winemaker

**Vintage:** 2016  
**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**Blend:**  
77% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
18% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc

**Winemaking:** Native yeast,  
48% new French oak, aged 21 months.  
Bottled unfined, unfiltered.

**pH** 3.83  
**TA** 5.6 g/L  
**VA** .72 g/L  
**Alcohol** 14.5%

## Vineyards:

Cabernet Sauvignon  
41% Red Willow Vineyard (1985)  
24% Dionysus Vineyard (1973)  
12% Bacchus Vineyard (1972)  
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18% Merlot - Red Willow (1985)  
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5% Cabernet Franc - Bacchus (1997)

**Cases:** 415

**Release:** March 2019

## Jeb Dunnuck (93-95) barrel score:

“This is the first year this cuvée will be labeled as a Cabernet Sauvignon. Blackcurrants, tobacco leaf, iodine, and hints of olive all give way to a rich, medium to full-bodied, concentrated, yet elegant wine that’s going to age for 20+ years.” - JD

