

2017 VALERY

Right Bank Bordeaux - Style Red Blend

The story of this wine. Valery is named for the Patron Saint of Wine in the St. Emilion region that inspired it. We started with old vine Merlot from a stony block in the heart of the Yakima Valley and added complex, aromatic Cabernet Franc from the Horse Heaven Hills. The result is a balanced, complex wine with the elegance and ethereal perfume that this blend of two of Washington's best varietals are known for.

Winemaker Tasting Notes. "This vintage of Valery is all about the Merlot. Medium dark garnet in color, with a great nose of mocha-dusted black raspberry, plum, sarsaparilla, violet, and herb notes.

This wine is lively and balanced on the palate, with great structural elegance and flavors of deep black cherry, mineral, savory tobacco leaf notes, and a touch of oak influence, with espresso powder and dark chocolate adding complexity and richness. This wine is delicious now, but will benefit from a few years in the cellar, and age up to 12-15 years." - Chris Peterson, Winemaker

Vintage: 2017

Blend: 86% Merlot,
14% Cabernet Franc

Winemaking: Native yeast, 28%
new French oak, aged 20 months.
Bottled unfinned, unfiltered.

pH 3.71
TA 5.6 g/L
VA .71 g/L
Alcohol 14.8%

AVA: Columbia Valley

Vineyards:

Boushey Vineyard
Merlot, 1986 planting

Champoux Vineyard
Cabernet Franc, 1997 planting

Cases: 170

Release: March 2020

Stephen Tanzer, Vinous - 92 points:

"Good dark red. Alluring scents of cherry, raspberry, redcurrant and tobacco leaf. Generous and sweet on the palate, with red berry, mineral and milk chocolate flavors accentuated by wintermint and red licorice. Quite plush and silky, with some sexy oak showing, but not at all an obvious plum-and-mocha style of Merlot. Very silky but not yet hugely showy, this could use another year of patience." - ST

