

# 2018 Red Willow Vineyard

## *Cabernet Sauvignon*

**The Story of This Wine.** Year after year, this single block of Cabernet Sauvignon, planted in 1985, has lent its power and character to our Bordeaux blends. In great years it has demanded to stand alone. From the best combination of barrels, this wine has revealed the best possible expression of old vine Cabernet from a truly iconic vineyard. Sadly, 2018 marks the last use of the original 1985 plantings.

**Winemaker Tasting Note.** “This young wine is showing primary aromas of macerated black cherry, plum, black currant reduction, dark cocoa nibs, thyme, tobacco leaf, with hints of crushed roses and minerals. Palate-coating, firm, and concentrated in body, with intense dark red fruits, Ethiopian espresso powder, crushed dried herbs, and earthy minerality on the long finish. This is a blockbuster wine that will benefit from some time in the cellar. Look to start trying this in 3-5 years, and enjoy over the coming 20-30 years.” - Chris Peterson, Winemaker

**Vintage:** 2018

**AVA:** Yakima Valley

**Blend:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Vineyard:** Red Willow

**Winemaking:** Native yeast, aged 20 months in 80% new French oak. Bottled unfiltered, unfiltered.

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Release:** October 2021

**Cases:** 106

### 96+ points, Jeb Dunnuck

“The flagship Cabernet, the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Red Willow Vineyard is all varietal, from old vines in a great vineyard in Yakima Valley, that spent 20 months in 80% new French oak. It reveals a deep purple hue as well as a backward, brooding nose of smoked blackcurrants, tobacco, scorched earth, and violets. It has beautiful richness yet takes plenty of coaxing to open up. On the palate, it’s medium to full-bodied and has a nicely textured, balanced mouthfeel, plenty of tannins, and outstanding length. It’s mostly potential at this point and is going to benefit from at least 4-5 years of bottle age, but my money is on it having 20+ years of prime drinking.”

