

# 2015 SESTINA

## *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.** "Leads with aromas of cassis, cherry reduction, unsweetened chocolate, leather, bee pollen, cigar box, and liquid minerals. The warm 2015 vintage has super-charged the palate on this Sestina. It is large-scaled, structured, and extremely long on the palate, with crème de cassis, black cherry, cocoa, graphite, and floral notes. While more showy than usual in its youth, this wine will still age for 12-20 years easily." - Chris Peterson, Winemaker

**Robert Parker's Wine Advocate Wine Advocate - 96 Pts** "...showing very well, offering up a rich, more exuberant bouquet...emphasizes notes of cassis, black plums, dark chocolate, espresso roast and a subtle framing of new oak. On the palate, it's full-bodied and lavish but controlled, with an ample, more sun-kissed core of fruit and fine-grained structuring tannins...While the 2014 and 2015 are quite different in style, it's hard to choose between them qualitatively. While it needs a few years in the cellar, I suspect the 2015 will hit its peak sooner."

**Vintage:** 2015  
**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**Blend:**  
70% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
20% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc

**Winemaking:** Native yeast, 65%  
new French oak, aged 21 months.  
Bottled unfinned, unfiltered.

**pH** 3.86  
**TA** 5.7 g/L  
**VA** .76 g/L  
**Alcohol** 14.6%

### Vineyards:

Cabernet Sauvignon  
40% Red Willow Vineyard (1985)  
20% Dionysus Vineyard (1973)  
10% Bacchus Vineyard (1972)

Merlot - Red Willow (1985)  
Cabernet Franc - Bacchus (1997)

**Cases:** 500  
**Retail:** \$65  
**Release:** March 2018

### Vintage Scores:

2010: Wine Advocate - 93, Tanzer - 93, Wine Enthusiast - 93  
2011: Wine Advocate - 93+, Wine Spectator - 93, Tanzer - 92+  
2012: Wine Advocate - 95, Vinous - 93+, Wine Enthusiast - 93  
2013: Wine Advocate - 93, Vinous - 92, Wine Enthusiast - 93  
2014: Wine Advocate - 95, Vinous - 93, Wine Enthusiast - 91  
**2015:** Wine Advocate - 96, Jeb Dunnuck - 95+, James Suckling - 94,  
Vinous - 93, Wine Enthusiast - 93 & *Cellar Selection*

