

# WATERBROOK

WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

## *Red Mountain*

### 2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

#### VINTAGE NOTE

The 2016 growing season started quickly with warm temperatures across Washington, encouraging vigorous vine development. By late June, however, temperatures cooled considerably, creating optimal growing conditions for fruit maturation. In late summer, rain came to the vineyard and helped ease vine stress, while the vineyard teams worked tirelessly to ensure the canopies and fruit clusters would produce top quality grapes. Early ripening red varieties are well-developed with bright fruit notes. Longer-ripening red varieties, like Cabernet Sauvignon, will show more savory characteristics than in years past, and should make for cellar-worthy wines.

Vineyards: 68% Shaw, 32% Taylor Mag

Variety Percentage: 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot

Harvest Date: September 22 – October 6, 2016

#### TASTING NOTE

Aromatics of tanned leather, black cherry and toasted oak burst out of the glass in this deep garnet-colored wine. Black fruit and anise flavors lead to a long, fruit forward finish of blackberry, cherry and cedar. Weighty with big, round tannins, the wine coats your entire palate and pairs perfectly with fatty proteins like porterhouse, T-bone steak, elk and venison.

#### WINEMAKING

Oak: 40% new French oak, balance to second- to fifth-use mixed oak

Aged: 23 months

Alcohol: 14.7%

TA: 6.1 g/l PH: 3.84

Cases Produced: 949

