



2015 CHATEAU SMITH CABERNET SAUVIGNON

From the first aromas of black fruit, pencil lead and forest floor, you're in for something special. This is a benchmark of Pacific Northwest Bordeaux-esque Cabernet Sauvignon — with intense flavor, depth and complexity.

BLEND

97% Cabernet Sauvignon
2% Petit Verdot
1% Cabernet Franc

APPELLATION

Washington State

PRODUCTION

25 Days on Skins
Yeast: Native
40% New French Oak
Barrel-Aged for 10 months on Lees

WINE ANALYSIS

14.5% Alcohol

UPC

086003253063

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$19.99

PAST SCORES

90 Points (2014 vintage), *Wine Enthusiast*, February 1, 2017

"Coming from a downright hot vintage, this wine offers quite pure aromas of black currant and black fruit. The palate brings more of the same, giving a very pure unencumbered-by-new-oak look at Washington Cabernet. Lightly grippy-tannins provides support." — Sean P. Sullivan

89 Points (2014 vintage), *Wine Spectator*, December 15, 2016

"Focused and distinctive, with juicy dark plum and currant fruit at the core and savory notes that swim around an expressive finish, draped in fine tannins. Drink now through 2020. 29,000 cases made." — Harvey Steiman

VINEYARDS

The vineyards we work with are farmed using the most up-to-date sustainable practices.

Art Den Hoed: 250 acres over the south slope of the Rattlesnake Mountains in the Yakima AVA at 1,300 feet elevation. The excellent air drainage and higher elevation work to preserve the natural acids in the grapes while flavors mature.

Hawk: 150 acres in the Wahluke Slope that was planted in 2010. The site has an elevation of 750-850 feet with a gentle southwest slope and has alluvial, sandy soils.

Roza Hills: At an elevation of 1,350 feet above sea level, the vineyard is in a natural southern sloping bowl that sits on the southern slope over Rattlesnake Hills. Temperatures, which are among the most moderate in the state, provide consistent ripening. Soils are characterized by their fine texture.

Wahluke Slope: Located on the very eastern edge of the Wahluke Slope AVA. This higher elevation site is made of of limestone, volcanic soils and has one of the driest and warmest climates in Washington.

Don Talcott: Planted in 1998 and just five miles southeast of Mattawa, the 60 planted acres of this vineyard are composed of Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, Viognier, and Sangiovese. This site produces fruit with sublime mineral character and great acidity, a balance that winemakers adore.

Clifton Bluff: Located on the Wahluke Slope's southern slope next to Clifton Hills Vineyard, Clifton Bluff is made up of sandy, alluvial soils.

VINTAGE

The 2015 Harvest in Washington State started with an early spring bud break and continued into a warm summer. The fall turned out to be long and temperate, balancing out the heat, which gave great ripening to our fruit, bright acid, low alcohol and beautiful complexity.

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