



HEDGES

Family Estate

2016 CMS Red

AVA: Columbia Valley
Winemaker: Sarah Hedges Goedhart
Blend: 30% Cabernet Sauvignon,
58% Merlot, 12% Syrah
Production: 29,890 cases
Alcohol: 14%
pH: 3.83
Titratable Acid: 5.7 g/L

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750ml 13.5% Alc/Vol - RED WINE - PRODUCE OF THE USA

Tasting Notes:

Such a fun mix of strawberry and raspberry fruit, cocoa, earthy spices and a bit of red licorice. There are hints of dried sage, cocoa nibs, and some pomegranate on the finish. The palate shines with bright acidity followed by a full and rich mid-palate, showing flavors of red fruits and rich, earthy spices. A tinge of vanilla balances out the rustic finish. This a sip and enjoy wine. It's interesting without being complicated and is a perfect complement to a variety of foods and situations.

Cellaring:

The structure of this wine means it will be best within a few years of release but should be wonderful to drink for the next 5 year.

Production:

Grapes come from the Columbia Valley vineyards: Wooded Island, Bacchus, Sagemoor, Weinbau, and Dionysus (all part of Sagemoor Farms), and the Red Mountain Vineyards of Hedges, Bel' Villa, Jolet, Les Gosses and Magdalena. Most of the wines were pumped over during alcoholic fermentation for 6 to 10 days while on American oak. About 40% of the wine was racked to barrel where it completed malo-lactic fermentation and then aged for an additional 15-18 months. The other 60% completed M-L in tank, at the end of which it was racked onto French oak and had SO₂ added. About 60% French oak / 40% American oak.

Harvest Notes:

2016 had a very mild and warm winter followed by a wet spring with a few heat spikes early on in May. Summer had an average amount of heat but nothing like what we saw in 2015. A few rain events throughout the growing season made regulating irrigation water a bit tricky. The first part of harvest had mild heat, which made for steady and even ripening of the fruit. The end of harvest was hit with off and on rain for a few weeks, which really slowed things down and stretched out picking dates. The 2016 harvest resulted in large crops with impressive fruit quality.

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