

# 2016 helix cabernet sauvignon

## Phinny Hill Vineyard, Horse Heaven Hills

"This wine's savory scents of olives, India ink and newsprint reflect the power of Phinny Hill. Vinous and intense, this has a balsamic note and mocha to back it up, only to relent and allow a dark plum core of fruit to emerge. It's a food wine, for lamb shoulder."

- *Wine & Spirits*, Best Buy + 91 points

### *description*

2016 began with an early, hot, dry spring that eventually led to an early harvest. September cooled off some but, had intermittent blasts of heat.

Scents, dominated by macerated black cherry and black currant, blended with hints of baking spices and medium roast coffee beans, grace the nose. A very soft palate with ample acidity carries flavors of dark cherry and plum with touches of currant, blackberry and fig melded with wood toast, followed by a lengthy finish of bright, dark fruit. ~*Chuck Reininger, Winemaker*

### *technical information*

**Blend:** 93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot

**Alc.:** 13.9%

**pH:** 3.8

**TA:** 6.2g/L

**Bottling Date:** August 2018

**Production:** 368 cases

**Release Date:** October 2019

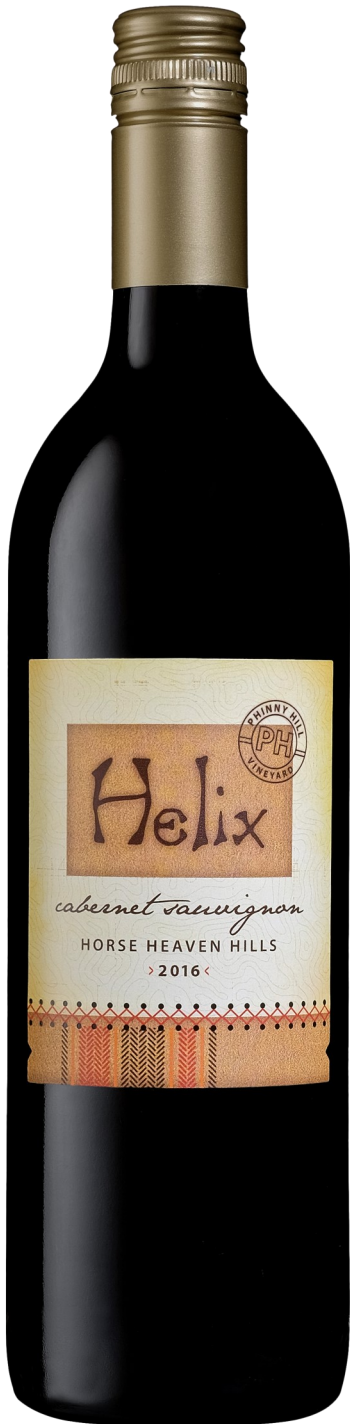
**Drink Between:** 2019-2025

### *the vineyards*

**Phinny Hill** We were one of the first brands to source fruit from Phinny Hill and were the only ones who've used our 5-acre block. Our Helix Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah flourish on this stellar site in Alderdale, WA. Our vines are east-facing, get plenty of heat and achieve good hang time. Phinny Hill Vineyard was planted under grower Dick Beightol's care on the western side of the Horse Heaven Hills AVA. Overlooking Champoux Vineyard and the Columbia River at an elevation of 750 feet, Phinny Hill is one of the most picturesque spots in the Horse Heaven Hills.

### *cooperage*

**100% French oak (18% new)** Our Cabernet features less oak than most to achieve a more complex, sophisticated wine with elegant fruit and tannin structure that let the vineyard shine through.



### *helix wines – more to explore*

Helix Wines are the culmination of a long, storied family history in the Washington and Oregon wine and agriculture industries and a reflection of our family's belief that farming and winemaking is all about discovery. Helix wines are produced by the same family who create REININGER at our Walla Walla Valley winery. Named for a farmstead in Helix, Oregon, where our grandparents met, married, and farmed, Helix is truly a reflection of our family's pioneering background and strong sense of place. Since the first Helix vintage in 2002, our goal is to explore the diverse and unbounded Columbia Valley and to see for ourselves what the Columbia Valley vineyards are capable of producing.

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