

Helix

2017 cabernet sauvignon,

COLUMBIA VALLEY

90 POINTS JAMES SUCKLING

"Black currants, stewed cherries, tobacco leaf and baking spices on the nose. It's medium-to full-bodied with sleek tannins. Fruity, flavorful finish."

TASTING NOTES

Black currant, baked plum and cherry greet the nose with fragrant rose petal attar, baking spice and hints of herb. Fine tannins carry the plum and black currant to a mid-palate of cherry and fig. Shadows of wood toast cover a finishing trail of dark cherry.

THE 2017 VINTAGE

A relatively cool 2017 fall, proceeded by summer's very warm temperatures, favored extended Cabernet Sauvignon phenolic ripening.

THE VINEYARDS

The 2017 vintage is primarily sourced from Phinny Hill Vineyard, one of the most picturesque spots in the Horse Heaven Hills. Helix was one of the first wineries to source fruit from Phinny Hill.

This 100-acre vineyard sits atop a sun-drenched hill of rare cobble-filled soils left over from the Missoula Floods during the last Ice Age. The rocky soils and eastern-facing slopes provide great soil and air drainage for the vines, especially the predominantly planted Bordeaux grape varieties. The vines are east-facing, and receive plenty of heat and good hangtime.

THE AVA

Located in south-central Washington State, the Horse Heaven Hills AVA is known for its warm site vineyards that are cooled by up-river winds, lending tannic complexity to full flavored wines of all varieties.

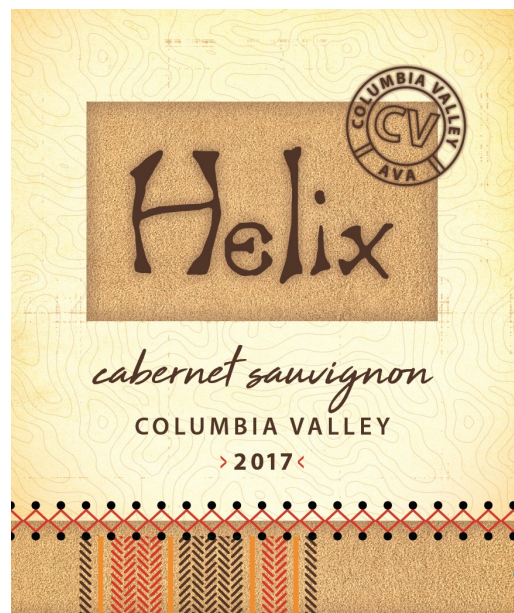
Established in 2005, this AVA comprises approximately 17,000 acres that lie along the Columbia River and makes up about 25% of Washington's total grape production.

THE COOPERAGE

67% French, 33% American (10% new oak) Our Cabernet features less new oak than most to achieve a more complex, sophisticated wine with elegant fruit and tannin structure that let the vineyard shine through.

HELIX WINES

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.



WINE DATA

Composition 93% Cabernet Sauvignon,
7% Merlot

Vineyards Phinny Hill & Bacchus

Cooperage 67% French, 33% American
(10% new oak)

Alcohol 14.1%

pH 3.8

Total Acidity 5.7 g/L

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Case Production 372

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