

2017 REININGER Cabernet Sauvignon

Pepper Bridge Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley



92 POINTS, JAMES SUCKLING

Crushed blackberries and black cherries on the nose. Tobacco leaf and cloves, too. It's medium-bodied and fresh with sleek tannins framing a core of fresh fruit and spice. Flavorful and chewy finish.

DESCRIPTION

2017 began with cool temperatures followed by a warm hot summer which together produced small clusters, small berries and moderate yields. Like spring, September rolled in with cool temperatures as well allowing extended hangtime favoring our Cabernet Sauvignon.

Intense scents of dried-dark fruit macerated black cherries, black currant and plum, with wisps of baked dates and a judicious touch of oak grace the glass. Its opulent texture unveils luscious swarthy fruit floating on velvety tannins. Elegant Asian-spice oak waltzes in perfect harmony, start to finish, with the sumptuous fruit that echoes the nose while being teased with a hint of baked black licorice.—Chuck Reininger, Winemaker

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Blend: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot

Cooperage: 85% French, 15% Russian (46% new)

pH: 3.85

TA: 5.7 g/L

Case Production: 317

Alc. 13.8%

Bottled: July 2019

THE VINEYARD

PEPPER BRIDGE Pepper Bridge Vineyard dates back to 1991 when Norm McKibben planted 10 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Today, Pepper Bridge expanded to about 200 acres. Known for its outstanding reputation with winemakers throughout the Walla Walla Valley and Washington State, Pepper Bridge has some of the most sought after grapes.

HISTORY OF CABERNET SAUVIGNON

We've been making Walla Walla Cabernet Sauvignon since our inaugural vintage in 1997. For our REININGER label, we commonly source Cabernet Sauvignon from Pepper Bridge, Seven Hills and XL Vineyards. Highlights of past accolades includes a three-time inclusion in *Wine & Spirit's* "Year's Best USA Cabernet Sauvignon" issues, and over 25 90+ scores.

REININGER WINERY

REININGER Winery, located in the heart of the Walla Walla Valley, specializes in crafting elegant and finely structured wines from hand-harvested, ultra premium grapes. From our first release in 1997, REININGER wines have possessed a unique quality derived from the winemaker's awareness of and passion for the natural elements that make great wines.

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