



# 2016 VINO ROSSO (CABERNET/SANGIOVESE)

## TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

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The dark ruby color just shimmers with energy. Aromatically lovely. Small Italian cherries, subtle spice. Loose tobacco, suede & a hint of leather. A flavorful and tasty mouthful of infinitely pleasant wine.

## VINTAGE NOTES

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The 2016 vintage started early and warm in Washington State. When summer arrived, the season saw cooler evenings that helped retain acidity, extended the growing and ripening period into September and October. This allowed the fruit to gain more complexity and deeper charm without sacrificing the acid or producing higher alcohol content. The vintage has created deeply rich and focused wines that we will be able to enjoy for a long time to come.

## CURRENT & PAST SCORES

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**90 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck***

“A blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Sangiovese, the 2016 VINO Cabernet / Sangiovese offers a deep ruby/plum color as well spicy, peppery, perfumed notes of black cherries, blueberries incense, and exotic spices. Possessing much more intensity of flavor than you could want for the price tag, with medium to full-bodied richness and excellent purity, it’s a no-brainer, high quality red to drink over the coming 3-4 years. It’s a smoking value.”

## WINEMAKING

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**Varietal Breakdown:** 70% Cabernet Sauvignon; 30% Sangiovese

**Appellation:** Washington State

**Vineyard(s):** Coyote Ranch (24%); Coyote Canyon (19%); Upland (22%); Lewis (11%); Goose Ridge (9%); Spring Creek (8%); Frenchman Hills (7%)

**Production:** 4.2 tons per acre | Native yeast | 100% whole berry fermentation | 31 days on skins | 25% new French oak | 9 months barrel aged on lees

**Wine Analysis:** 5.6 g/L titratable acidity | 3.86 pH | 13.5% alcohol | No residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745002106

