

SUBSTANCE

2017 SUBSTANCE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Opaque, deep, dark and dense. Ya, this Cabernet Sauvignon has astounding depth in color and flavor. Blackberry, black plum, cigar box. Silky smooth and continuing long with pencil lead and wet earth. With a finish that says WTF. Okay... Look that one up. Tremendous.

VINTAGE NOTES

2017 was a fantastic year for making wine with a cool spring and a fair amount of rain. Washington had an ideal spring for healthy vines. The moderate temperatures during summer were perfect for small clusters and yet delayed veraison into the fall where we had a consistent ripening season that allowed us to hang the fruit for perfect tannin and flavor without losing acidity or acquiring too much alcohol. Overall it was a vintage to remember.

CURRENT & PAST SCORES

91 Points, Ranked #49 on Top 100 Wines of 2019, *Wine Spectator*

“Precise and vibrantly structured, with black cherry, espresso and spice flavors that take on richness toward polished tannins. Drink now through 2024.”

93 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“The base 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon is brilliant, and as Cabernet Sauvignon goes, it’s a value that’s hard to beat! Classic black and blue fruits, damp earth, violets, and tobacco notes all emerge from this medium to full-bodied effort that stays pure, impeccably balanced, and vibrant on the palate. It’s the real deal, and if it was from Napa, it would sell for 3-4 times the price.”

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

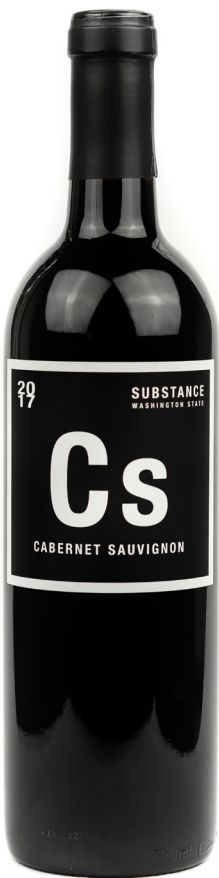
Appellation: Columbia Valley

Vineyard(s): Goose Ridge (27%); Art Den Hoed Painted Hills (20%); Badger Mountain (17%); Frenchman Hills (14%); Coyote Ranch (9%); Goon Mountain (3%); Olsen Brothers (3%); Eagle Butte (3%); High River (2%); Upland Vineyard (2%)

Production: 4.5 tons per acre | Native yeast | 100% whole berry fermentation | 35 days on skins | 50% new French oak barriques | 12 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis: 5.5 g/L titratable acidity | 3.83 pH | 14.5% alcohol | No residual sugar

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