# **SUBSTANCE**

# 2017 SUBSTANCE VINEYARD COLLECTION Stoneridge cabernet sauvignon

### TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

This is so much Cab we're going to need a bigger bottle. Cassis, cedar box, crushed gravel, tobacco leaf, black plum, caramel salt water taffy and ground spice. All together to serve up a classic.



## **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**

#### 94 Points, Jeb Dunnuck

"Moving to the Cabernet Sauvignon single vineyards, the 2017 Stoneridge Vineyard comes from the same block as the King Coal and was brought up in new barrels. It has a classic Cabernet bouquet of lead pencil, cedarwood, cassis, and hints of tobacco. More medium- bodied, silky, and elegant on the palate, it has wonderful balance and should evolve gracefully for 15+ years or more."

#### 91 Points, James Suckling

"A juicy red with plum and chocolate character, as well as walnuts. Medium body, round and easy tannins and a flavorful finish. Drink now."

#### WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation: Royal Slope
Vineyard(s): Stoneridge Vineyard (100%)
Production: 2.3 tons per acre | Native yeast | 100% whole berry fermentation | 51 days on skins | 71% new French oak barriques | 22 months barrel-aged on lees
Wine Analysis: 5.4 g/L titratable acidity | 3.96 pH | 14.5% alcohol | No residual sugar
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