

# 2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

## RED MOUNTAIN

Planted in 1984, Klipsun Vineyard is known for producing powerful and elegant wine. From its inception, fruit from Klipsun has helped a group of elite Washington wineries craft world-class wines which have received multiple 100pt scores over the years.

### TECHNICAL DATA

**APPELLATION:** Klipsun Vineyard, Red Mountain AVA

**VARIETALS:** 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 5% Syrah

**COLOR:** Dark garnet verging on purple

**AROMA:** An intense chocolate and boysenberry aroma that is melded with French oak aromas of mocha and spice.

**FLAVOR:** Mouth coating intensity, ripe blackberry flavors with a hint of herbs that is the hallmark of Red Mountain wines. While the wine is big and rich, its pleasant mouthfeel is a result of carefully managed tannins which are evident, but seamless.

**AGING:** 20 months in 100% new French Oak mostly medium toast+, 14 months in bottle

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**CELLARING:** Age 10-15 years for more cedar and cigar box aroma and flavor development.

**FERMENTATION:** Handpicked, crushed, de-stemmed and fermented in open top fermenters and hand-punched down 2-3 times daily. An average of 10-14 days "on skins" and free run juice was kept separate from the press wine. Premium French oak barrels were selected with very tight grain wood that was air dried for a longer time than normal. A portion of the wine was allowed to spontaneously ferment, while other fractions were fermented with selected natural yeasts. No fining and only course filtration so the wine does not appear cloudy in bottle, but not fine enough to remove flavor & mouth feel components.

