

# 2017 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:** 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Syrah, 4% Merlot, 4% Malbec

**COLOR:** Dark garnet / ruby

**AROMA:** An intense blackberry / boysenberry nose that melds with the spicy oak aromas.

**FLAVOR:** Blackberry flavors with Red Mountain's trademark hint of herbs and minerals. A pleasant acidity and rich, balanced mouthfeel. A well-developed mid palate, the result of carefully managed tannins that are evident but seamless. The finish is smooth and lingering.

**AGING:** 20 months in 100% new French oak, 14 months in bottle

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**CELLARING:** Age 5 years to experience the best fruit intensity or age 10-15 years to develop more of the cedar and cigar box aromas.

**HARVEST:** In the second half of September, when Klipsun traditionally harvests all the reds, the temperatures cooled considerably, which delayed ripening. This allowed for luxurious amounts of hang time without the threat of increased sugar accumulation, stretching harvest into the first week of October. As a result, all fruit going into the 2017 Klipsun Cabernet Sauvignon could be picked at perfect sugars levels with great fruit maturity and flavors. Overall, the quality of the 2017 harvest is as high as the 2016; however, the style is slightly different. The 2017 wine has a firmer structure, more spice and mocha in the nose and will take a few more years than the 2016 to reach a perfect balance between fruit and tannin.

94 <sup>+</sup> WINE ADVOCATE	94 JEB DUNNUCK
93 WINE ENTHUSIAST	91 VINOUS

