

# ANVIL

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*A selection of the best from every vintage for enthusiasts who want to explore the purity of Washington State wine.*

## 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon

Dionysus Vineyard, Columbia Valley

### PROFILE

Old vines produce this supple and sensual Cabernet. Classic in its elegance, this wine is approachable now but built to age. Our Cabernet Sauvignon is always lush, rich and complex. While sometimes a blend, often times a single varietal, it is always the optimal expression of that vintage and always from the most sought-after and reputable vineyards in Washington State.

### DIONYSUS VINEYARD

Located on a southwest facing slope in Pasco, Washington that overlooks the Columbia River. Planted in 1988, Dionysus has some of the oldest vines in Washington State. These old vines benefit from an established root system, regulating vigor and allowing the vines to consistently produce rich, dense and generous grapes. Our rows follow the slope towards the southwest, almost 45 degrees off due north, which allows for nearly perfect sun exposure while minimizing over-ripening. As the sun lowers down in the evenings, both sides of the canopy receive evening sun, lending incredible evenness and consistency to the fruit.

Old vine Cabernet Sauvignon has become the remarkable flagship varietal of the Dionysus Vineyard. In 2008, we started sourcing Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from Block 11 and later experimented with Petit Verdot from Block 13 which adds generous flavors and great texture. We like to do an extended maceration post-fermentation for a total time on skins up to 45 days. During maceration, we fully extract these generous grapes for depth and full flavors.

### TASTING NOTES

Cabernet Sauvignon from Dionysus Vineyard is truly exquisite, from the dense dark red fruit flavors to the touch of brightness from the Petit Verdot. A full mouth-feel and long finish adds to the delicious complexity of the wine. This wine is and will always be a favorite of the Anvil by Forgeron lineup and it will age gracefully through the years, so hold on to it for that special occasion.

### VINTAGE NOTE

The 2017 vintage was a difficult one to start, coming off one of the coldest winters in Eastern Washington's history. Despite a late frost our fruit survived. As Spring turned into Summer, Mother Nature delivered an ideal growing season, long enough for our fruit to fully ripen and short enough to ensure we could pick it before poor weather arrived.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietal: 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Petit Verdot  
Vineyard: Dionysus Vineyard  
Appellation: Columbia Valley  
pH: 3.86 | TA: 6.1 g/L | Alcohol: 14.9%  
Cooperage: 28 months aging, 26% new French oak,  
73% neutral French oak

Bottled Date: March 2020  
Release Date: October 2021  
Production: 378 cases  
UPC: 833959001343

