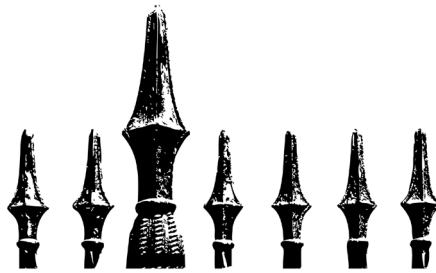


GRAMERCY CELLARS



2015 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON COLUMBIA VALLEY



BLEND: 98% CABERNET SAUVIGNON,
2% PETIT VERDOT

VINEYARDS: BACCHUS & OCTAVE ESTATE

AGING: 22 MONTHS, 60% NEW FRENCH OAK

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

WINERY RETAIL: 95

CASE PRODUCTION: 200 CASES

DRINKING WINDOW: 2020 - 2048

JEB DUNNUCK: 94+ POINTS

WINE & SPIRITS: 93 POINTS

WINE ENTHUSIAST: 92 POINTS (EDITORS CHOICE)

I compared the (Gramercy Cellars) Cabernet Sauvignon to a top Margaux last year when I tasted it from barrel, and I stand by that comparison today. - Jeb Dunnuck

The 2015 is our fourth Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon. Like the John Lewis Syrah, we base the Reserve Cabernet on the idea of "What is the best of the best in the cellar for that vintage?" Sometimes it's a specific block of a vineyard. Other times, it is two vineyards nearby or in the same AVA. Then again, it can also be that we find two or three vineyards that pair amazingly well in that specific year and produce a stunning wine, regardless of what the map says about their locations. The goal - to make the most interesting Bordeaux based varietal wine in that vintage.

For all four releases of Reserve Cabernet, the base is 45+ year old Bacchus Block at Sagemoor Vineyard. Over the 4 releases, its companion, however, is a 2-2 tie. In 2012 and 2013 vintages, Phinny Hill completed the blend. In 2014 and now in 2015, our estate vineyard Octave in Walla Walla proved best.

The 2015 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is composed of about two thirds Bacchus Vineyard near Red Mountain and one third Octave Estate on the south side of Walla Walla. The wine was fermented for approximately 30 days with native yeasts. Aged in French oak for 22 months, 60% new. The wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

Why Phinny Hill or Octave Estate in the blend? We find that Bacchus - Phinny Hill is about complexity and finesse while Bacchus - Octave is more about complexity and power. The 2014 and 2015 vintages gave us Cabernet's with massive power and complexity.

TASTING NOTES: A MONUMENTAL WINE THAT'S DRINKING WELL NOW BUT WILL CELLAR FOR 20+ YEARS. CRANBERRY, BLACKBERRY, CASSIS, RED PLUM, RED FLOWERS, SAGE, TARRAGON. GRAVEL, PENCIL LEAD, SALINE, DUST, MINERAL AND FOREST FLOOR. SAVORY WITH MEDIUM PLUS ACID. FIRM, FRESH AND FOCUSED WITH AN UNABASHEDLY LONG FINISH. FULL BODIED WITH SWEET VANILLA. COMPLEXITY ABOUND.



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