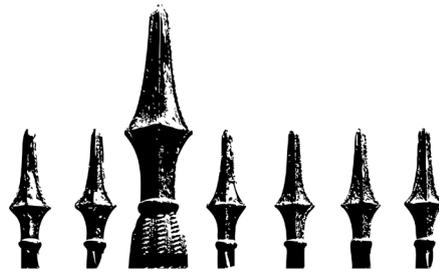


GRAMERCY CELLARS



2016 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

COLUMBIA VALLEY



BLEND: 93% CABERNET SAUVIGNON,
7% MERLOT

VINEYARDS: BACCHUS, PHINNY HILL &
LOESS

AGING: 22 MONTHS, 40% NEW FRENCH OAK

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

WINERY RETAIL: 95

CASE PRODUCTION: 200 CASES

DRINKING WINDOW: 2020 - 2048

WINE & SPIRITS: 95 POINTS

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 2016 is our fifth Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon release. 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.

The 2016 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon returns to the classic blend of Bacchus and Phinny Hill. In 2015, we deviated, using Octave as a Cabernet source instead of Phinny Hill. However, in 2016, we could not ignore the greatness of Phinny Hill Cabernet. It was so special we produced a single vineyard MTA bottling from the vineyard.

We find that Bacchus - Phinny Hill is about complexity and finesse. When we blend with Octave, the wine emphasizes complexity and power. The 2016 is a return to complexity and finesse, but also has the body of 2015. The 2016 Cabernets are simply stunning. According to Brandon, 2016 is our best Cabernet vintage at the winery.

The 2016 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is composed of 55% Bacchus Vineyard near Red Mountain and 38% Phinny Hill in Horse Heaven Hills. The final 7% being Merlot from Leonetti's Estate Vineyard, Loess. The wine was fermented for approximately 22 days with native yeasts. The Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon was aged in French oak for 22 months, 40% new. The wine was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES: AN EXPLOSIVE MEDLEY OF RED, BLUE AND BLACK FRUIT. HUGELY AROMATIC. SECONDARY FLAVORS OF MILK CHOCOLATE, KENYAN COFFEE AND MINT. STONE AND GRAVEL. BAKING SPICES OF CLOVE, VANILLA AND CINNAMON FROM A SMALL PORTION OF NEW FRENCH OAK. MORE EARTHY ON THE PALATE WITH MUSHROOM, TAR, PENCIL SHAVINGS AND CEDAR. SLIGHT CHOCOLATE POWDER ON THE FINISH. FIRM TANNIN WITH MEDIUM-PLUS ACIDITY. FRESH, ENERGETIC AND POWERFUL.



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