
BARNARD GRIFFIN

2015 Cabernet Sauvignon

COLUMBIA VALLEY

Harvested: September 25th, 2015

Date of first Bottling: May, 2017 | **Quantity bottled:** 7500cs

Vineyard Locations and AVA's : Arete Vineyard (Columbia Valley), Black Rock Vineyard (Yakima Valley), Caroway Vineyard (Columbia Valley), Crawford Vineyard (Yakima Valley), Sagemoor Vineyard (Columbia Valley)

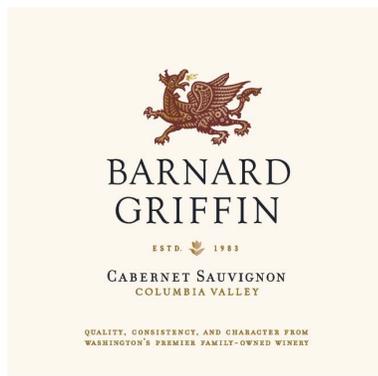
Vintage Notes: The 2014 harvest was the earliest harvest in my 38 years...until 2015. We brought in Pinot Gris from the Caroway Vineyard on August 17th, a full week before our record early harvest in 2014, making it weeks ahead of a 'normal' year. Washington experienced an unquestionably warm June: we hit 100 degrees within the first week and hovered in and around the 90s until the end of the month, where we spent nearly two weeks in an uninterrupted streak of over 100 degree weather. Even at the summer's hottest, nightly temperatures were often a 40 to 50 degree swing from the high, allowing acids to develop and mature. The 2014 winter and a lack of a snowpack in the mountains left us with less water than most years; thankfully most of our vineyards were unaffected by drought-like conditions due to the strategy and diligence of their respective vineyard managers. Even with the influence of enormous heat, 2015 whites will have pleasing acid with balance and rich, bright fruit, while the reds will have soft tannin structure and intensely ripe, mature flavors. I was initially very cautious about this year because of its extraordinary conditions, but as it progresses I become more and more optimistic about the very fine quality in spite of the unusual weather.

wine pH: 3.8 | **Total acidity:** .73 | **Residual Sugar:** Trace (dry) | **Alcohol:** 13.7%

Varietal Composition: 79.4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15.8% Merlot, 3% Syrah, 1.8% Malbec

Winemaking: Pumpovers 2 times daily; pressed at 2-6% sugar; peak fermentation temperature 85 degrees; aged in old and new European oak barrels.

Winemaker's Comments: "Cherry, plum and cranberry flavors glide across the palate. Delivers richness and concentration, nicely offset by a vibrant structure. A touch of mint and hints of dark chocolate and wood spice rise up on the long finish. Pairs wonderfully with barbequed foods.




Rob Griffin, Proprietor-Winemaker



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