

BROWNE
FAMILY VINEYARDS

The Advocate

2015 RED BLEND

ad-vo-cate, noun, a person who publicly supports or recommends a particular cause or policy. a person who pleads on someone else's behalf. a pleader in a court of law; a lawyer.

Fruity aromatics of concord grapes, red cherries and blueberries lead into flavors of toasted oak, vanilla bean and more blueberry. A medium bodied wine with very integrated and silky-smooth tannins, this wine is a versatile food pairing wine, but would pair especially well with comfort foods like roast chicken, chili and beef stews.

“A TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO COMMIT THEIR
LIFE TO SERVICE AND WORK TO BE A STRONG
ADVOCATE FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVE IN.”

- Andrew Browne



VINTAGE BACKGROUND

The 2015 Washington state harvest will go down in history as the vintage where parts of the state persevered above irrigation restrictions, several 100-degree days, and a few late-season regional wildfires that spared growers from any problems. It will also be noted as the year with a record surge in growing degree days, a harvest that started early and ended by mid-October, and a bounty that surpassed even the 227,000-ton record set during the 2014 Washington harvest. Fruit flavors from this harvest are concentrated and intense, with moderate berry size, excellent phenolic ripeness and balanced acidity.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

31% Merlot, 28% Syrah,
26% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Malbec,
4% Carmenere, 2% Zinfandel

YEAST: Andante

ML: 100%

OAK: 28% New French Oak,
72% American Oak

VINEYARD SOURCING:

Canyon Vineyard Ranch, Willard, Mirage,
Skyfall, Roosevelt, Taylor Mag, Pepper Bridge,
Blackrock, Klipsun, Alder Ridge

TA: 5.3g/l PH: 3.85

WINEMAKER:

John Freeman

FINING: None

HARVEST DATE: October 2015

AGED: 24 months

BOTTLED: November 3, 2017

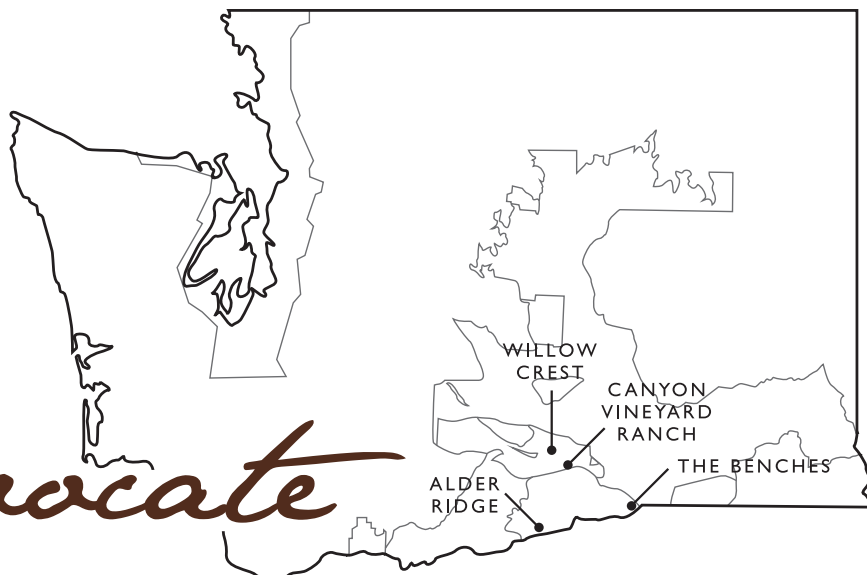
ALCOHOL: 14.2 %



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VINEYARD SOURCING



THE BENCHES

750 Planted Vineyard Acres in the Horse Heaven Hills AVA with a warm, 190-day growing season (April to Nov.). Average temperature 66 degrees F, The Benches' location in the rain shadow gives the vineyard 300 days of sun per year.



ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD

800+ planted vineyard acres in the Horse Heaven Hills AVA, Alder Ridge is known for exceptional long hang time, with a moderating effect of the river on summer heat spikes and winter freezes, giving the Cabernet for which the vineyard is known tougher skins and firm tannins.



WILLOW CREST VINEYARD

Planted in 1982, the Willow Crest Vineyard has a relatively long growing season as it sits at a higher elevation than most in the Yakima Valley. This allows the fruit to be slightly cooler during the hotter months of the growing season and pushes the ripening to the end of October where most vineyards have harvested a month earlier to avoid frost; all of these factors lead to naturally bright acidity.



CANYON VINEYARD RANCH

Formerly known as Snipes Canyon Ranch, the 500-acre parcel we know today is a combination of a prolific apple and cherry orchard run by Bob Stiles and vineyards planted as early as 1982 by Keith Klingele. More than 300 planted acres boast vinifera grapes, the oldest of which are on the east side.