

2016 William Church Sur La Mer

Appellation: Columbia Valley

Vineyard: Red Willow, Dineen, Quintessence, Northridge, Gamache Blend: 67% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot,

5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec

Cooperage: 20 months 45% new, 55% used French oak

Bottling date: June 2018 **Release date:** May 2019 **Cases Produced:** 238 cases **Bottle Price:** \$38

Specifications:

Alcohol = 14.7%

TA = .55g/100mL

pH = 3.74

Winemaker notes:

Always one of the most difficult and rewarding blends, the 2016 Sur La Mer continues in the tradition of a balanced, elegant, right-bank style Bordeaux blend. With Red Willow merlot at the core, the blend is completed with Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot for backbone, Cabernet Franc for the lifting aromatics, and Malbec for a hint of spice. This blend is made up of my favorite barrels at the most measured of percentages.

Tasting Notes:

Blackberry, plum, vanilla, coffee, fig, and baking spice lead to a cocoa and butterscotch core followed by a long candied date and toffee finish.