

# 2017 Cuillin Hills Blend Columbia Valley AVA

#### **VINEYARDS**

## **Red Willow Vineyard**

This vineyard is nearly 50 years old making it an institution in Washington. A gentle south facing slope at 1100-1300ft of sandy loam soils, help grapes mature.

# Lewis Vineyard

This family owned vineyard sits at an elevation of 1200ft. Cooler temperatures preserve the acidity of the grapes. Sandy loam soils help combat vine vigor.

## **Dineen Vineyard**

Situated at an elevation of 1050-1140, Its soils are a mix of Harvard-Burke and Scoon silt loam with layers of Caliche.

#### Weinbau Vineyard

First planted in 1981, this is a relatively warm site due to its 710-950 ft elevation. The site is characterized by a gentle south facing slope and Kennewick silt loam soils.

### **VINTAGE**

**Growing Season** A wet cool spring pushed budbreak back by two weeks, but a

hot summer accelerated berry development. Weather was ideal during harvest, with warm days and cool nights. This allowed

grapes to ripen while retaining acidity.

# **WINEMAKING**

Varietal Composition 63% Syrah

22% Grenache 15% Mourvèdre

**Fermentation** Native yeast fermented 71% of the wine. This, along with some

whole cluster fermentation, allowed for the preservation of fruit and varietal expression while shaping the tannic structure of

the wine.

Aging Matured in French oak, 29% of which was new, for 20 months

Cases 322

 Alcohol
 14.8%

 pH
 3.82

**Titratable Acidity** 0.55 g/100mL **Release Date - Price** May 16, 2020 - \$40