

# 2017 William Church 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.

## **Quintessence Vineyard**

Located on Red Mountain, this vineyard spans an elevation of 661-1106 feet. Its southern exposure and soil mixture of silt and sandy loam, creates optimal growing conditions

## Gamache Vineyard

Located on the white bluffs overlooking Basin City, the vineyard spans an elevation of 804-960 feet. The overall site is characterized by a long southwestern slope.

## Northridge Vineyard

Sitting at 1200 ft in Wahluke Slope, this site boasts ancient soils atop a caliche barrier.

## **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.

### **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 61% Merlot

18%Cabernet Sauvignon

8% Petit Verdot 8% Malbec

5% Cabernet Franc

Fermentation During fermentation, must caps were punched down by hand

twice daily, until the desired tannin structure developed. After primary fermentation was complete, malolactic fermentation

occurred in barrel.

Aging Matured in French oak, 43% of which was new, for 20 months

 Cases
 273

 Alcohol
 14.7%

 pH
 3.77

Titratable Acidity 0.58 g/100mL

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