



EX ANIMO

Cabernet Sauvignon | Yakima Valley | 2013



Red Willow Vineyard

The Sauer family has worked this land for four generations; their connection to the land is deeply ingrained, and as they look toward a fifth generation of family farmers, they naturally have the commitment to the long view that exceptional vineyards require. They were pioneers, planting Cabernet Sauvignon in 1973, and have consistently pushed the Washington wine industry forward, introducing new varieties over the decades, experimenting with new viticultural techniques and painstakingly discovering the optimal methods for their entirely unique terrior.

Tasting Notes

Aromatic savory notes of sage, thyme and olive combine with blackberry, cassis and barrel spice. The palate presents with a sweet core of dark fruit flavors and undercurrents of fresh herbs and smoke. The wine finishes with great length and fine grained Cabernet Sauvignon structure.

92 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Tasted out of the bottle, the 2013 Ex Animo (92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc and 4% Merlot) reveals a healthy ruby/purple color as well as textbook Cabernet notes of blackcurrants, coffee beans, smoked earth and leafy herbs. Medium to full-bodied, rip, textured and with beautiful purity of fruit (which is a hallmark of all of the wines from Mike), it will have 10-15 years of longevity."

– Jeb Dunnuck,
The Wine Advocate

BLEND

92% Cabernet Sauvignon
4% Merlot
4% Cabernet Franc

BARREL

22mm French Château
Ferré Thin Stave
Aged for 21 months

PRODUCTION

135 Cases

APPELLATION

Yakima Valley

VINEYARD

Red Willow

MANU PROPRIA is from the Latin meaning, "By my own hand," and has been used since the middle ages to denote something too important to be entrusted to another. Our logo is based on a medieval woodcut representing a stylized "MP" for Manu Propria, which was used to seal official documents. To the right are the letters "vnm", an abbreviation of vinum, Latin for wine. Thus, our label reads "Wine by my own hand". Our winery is an intentionally small family organization, ensuring that every bottle receives our full personal attention.

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