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Cabernet Sauvignon

By Mark Ryan Winery

The 2015 Vintage

The overwhelming factor in 2015 in Washington was heat. No one would disagree. If 2013 and '14 could be described as 'hot' and 'hotter,' then 2015 would no doubt be described as 'hottest.' 2015 was Washington's warmest vintage to date, with above average temperatures across the Columbia Valley throughout the growing season. The warm temperatures led to advancement of all markers of the growing season, with bud break, bloom, and harvest occurring two to three weeks ahead of historical averages. Harvest began historically early, with some wineries bringing in fruit in mid-August – a prospect that would be unheard of in most years.

Tasting Notes

The opens with aromatics of blackberry, graphite, subtle rocky tones and crushed rose petals. The mouthfeel is supple and dense, with hints of blue fruits mingling with plum and spice flavors. The wine remains texturally generous through the finish, with moderate tannin and acidity.

Technical Data

Washington State | Columbia Valley AVA
Alc/Vol: 14.6 | 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot
Oak: 40% New French, 60% Neutral French