EX ANIMO

Cabernet Sauvignon | Yakima Valley | 2016

Red Willow Vineyard

The Sauer family has worked this land for four generations, and in fact much of the fields of asparagus and potatoes surrounding the vineyard are still farmed by aunts, uncles, and cousins of the vintners. 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.

From Mike Sauer, owner Red Willow Vineyard - *"We are honored that Mike and Rachel would choose to highlight wines from Red Willow. Mike, following the footsteps of David Lake, actively follows the seasonal progression of the grapes and chooses to emphasize terroir and vineyard identity. With friendship and common purpose, we look forward to this partnership in making wines of elegance and distinction."*

BLEND
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

BARREL
40% 22mm French Château
  Ferré Thin Stave
21 months in barrel

PRODUCTION
112 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.