

## **POLLARD 2016 RED BLEND WINE**

**Pollard Vineyard**

**46% Merlot, 32% Cabernet Franc, 22% Cabernet Sauvignon**

**14.1%**

**3.71 PH**

**20% new wood, French Oak Barrels**

**2.0 tons per acre**

**Yakima Valley AVA**

**Suggested Retail: \$35/bottle; FOB Wholesale \$180/case**

**This wine has focused floral and savory notes with bright acidity backed by red currant and raspberry fruit.**

**The texture of this luscious wine reveals aspects of the vineyard that makes for a complex, compelling wine. The merlot, while dominant in the blend, is complimented by the cabernet franc's basis of wood and fruit skin.**

**Pollard Vineyard, owned by Robin Pollard and managed by Patrick Rawn, is located near Zillah Washington in the upper Yakima Valley. The 10 acre site sits at 1150 feet with a southwest facing slope. Half the vineyard is planted in cabernet franc (French clones 214 and 327), with the remainder of the vineyard planted in merlot ( French clones 181 and 348) and cabernet (French clone 191 and Clone 4).**

**When the vineyard was planted, a number of deliberate choices were made ranging from plant material selection, row spacing and angle, and trellising. In addition to the vineyard management expertise of Rawn, Dr. James Stamp, noted viticulturalist, oversaw the plant selection at the nurseries and provided advice on all aspects of achieving a healthy start to the vineyard.**

**The tight spacing and soil along with careful clonal selection has allowed us to grow fruit that we feel is showing a direction of Washington winemaking which is not only distinctive, but which is the vanguard of the future of Washington state wine.**

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