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## 2016 ROCK ISLAND RED

COLUMBIA VALLEY

**AVAs:** Columbia Valley

**SUB AVAs + VINEYARDS:**

Wahluke Slope – Northridge, King Fuji

Rattlesnake Hills – Elephant Mountain

Red Mountain – Red Heaven

**WINEMAKING NOTES:** The grapes were gently destemmed and allowed to cold soak in the tank prior to inoculation with yeast strains selected to emphasize terroir and varietal character. Once fermentation began (in stainless steel tanks) the grapes were pumped over twice daily to aid in the extraction of color and tannin. After approximately seven days, the free run wine was drained away for malolactic fermentation.

*“Stylistically, we are looking for dark, rich, and ripe flavors for this blend. We source fruit from vineyards throughout the Columbia Valley with bold and concentrated characteristics, creating the desirable style of our Rock Island Red.”*

*– Kendall Mix, Winemaker*

**TASTING NOTES**

**AROMA:** Dark cherry and rich plum with hints of lavender, dried herbs, anise, and cocoa.

**FLAVOR:** A generous juicy entry, with a jammy mid-palate and pleasurably silky finish.

**VARIETAL(S):** 47% Syrah, 47% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 6% Merlot

**DATE OF HARVEST:** September – October 2016

**BOTTLED:** August 2016

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%    **TA(gal/L):** 5.9    **pH:** 3.75

**AGING:** Aged 18 months in 20% new American oak barrels.