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AVA: *Rogue Valley, Oregon*

VINEYARD DATA

Source: 98% purchased from the Rogue Valley, 2% from Block 8 in the 2Hawk estate vineyard

Soil Profile: Darow silty loam & Vannoy

WINEMAKING DATA

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Yeast: Wild

Ageing: 29 months in 100% 2-year-old French oak

AWARDS

Wine Enthusiast - 92 points

VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage was notable for 2Hawk as our first harvest from our major vineyard expansion project in 2014. Like in 2015, spring arrived early, but it was cool and dry. Since the weather during flowering limited the crop load naturally, very little fruit thinning was required. Summer was typically warm and absent the normal early showers, so the vineyard required extra attention to ensure we had no detrimental water stress. Fortunately, summer gave way to a beautiful and temperate early fall season for the final ripening phase. Harvest was definitely early given the age of the vineyard and amount of fruit. We finished picking our mature vines just before the October rains settled in.

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HARVEST DATA

Dates: October 11, 2016

Brix: 25.1 **pH:** 3.87 **TA:** 5.33 g/L

BOTTLING DATA

Production: 25 cases

Bottled: March 15, 2019

Released: Summer 2020

Alc. 14.4% **pH:** 3.66 **TA:** 6.20 g/L

FSO₂: 40 mg/L



TASTING NOTES

When a wine's character reveals itself to be deserving of special recognition, we use the designation "Darow Series" after our estate vineyard's most prevalent soil type. This Cabernet Sauvignon absolutely fits our criteria for Darow Series wines. A compelling nose opens with ripe Rainier cherry fruit compote with notes of raspberry, blackberry, pencil lead, and dried herbs that never seem to stop lifting from the glass. The palate is dense and concentrated with flavors of ripe black currant and blackberry along with hints of cedar, candied ginger, cassis, and black licorice. True to its Pacific Northwest roots, there is ample acidity, which gives the finish a refreshing feel and cellar-worthy structure, but the tannins will take time to soften. If possible, enjoy this from 2021 to 2025. If not, give it several hours in a decanter and listen closely as it begs for dry-aged beef tenderloin and sherry-dijon duxelles.



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