



# GORDON

## *Estate*



## 2015 Kamiak Rock Lake Red

ESTATE GROWN – KAMIAK VINEYARD - COLUMBIA VALLEY

### VINEYARD

- The estate vineyard is south-facing and is perched some 620 feet above sea level.
- The vineyard has excellent air drainage and benefits from the rivers moderating influence.
- The vines are sometimes blanketed by snow in the winter, but spring and summer offers sunshine and warmth allowing the grapes to ripen completely.
- Temperatures during the growing season can fluctuate from 95 degrees Fahrenheit during the day to 55 degrees at night.
- Vines are grown on their own rootstock yielding 'true' grape varieties. Typical vine spacing is 6' by 10' using a Vertical Shoot Positioning trellis system.
- The vineyard is amply supplied for irrigation when needed.

### VINTAGE NOTES

2015 kicked off with a mild Winter and early Spring that jumpstarted the growing season in Eastern Washington. Couple that with the hottest Summer on record and the result was the earliest harvest start to date. Three weeks earlier than average, bud break occurred on the 20th of March and we were already enjoying consistent daily highs in the mid-70s. Like 2014 the heat built quick from there and by mid-May we saw our first day over 100 degrees. Summer was dry and hot, the hottest on record and with that harvest arrived as we picked the first of our Chardonnay on August 26. As we rolled into September the summer heat gave way to a wonderfully dry and warm fall that carried us through till harvests end on October 26th. That cooling trend allowed our reds extra hang time to develop and refine tannin structure and deepen flavor profiles.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2015 Kamiak is a great blend of Washington State's standout grape varieties. This garnet colored wine starts with toasted aromas that give way to notes of plum and chocolate. Luscious raspberry flavors compliment the medium body of this wine that delivers luscious acidity and a velvety lingering finish. Pair this everyday wine with spaghetti and meatballs or pizza.

- **COMPOSITION:** Blend: 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 14% Syrah, 7% Alicante, 7% Tempranillo, 6% Petite Verdot, 1% Malbec
- **FERMENTATION:** 100% Stainless Steel. Barrel aged wine for over 24 months.
- **pH:** 3.91
- **TA:** 6.2 g/L
- **ALCOHOL:** 13.7%
- **PRODUCTION:** Bottled April 2018

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