



# GORDON

## *Estate*

# *Tempranillo*

**2016**

KAMIAK VINEYARD ~ COLUMBIA VALLEY, WA



**COMPOSITION:** 100%

Tempranillo

**OAK PROGRAM:** 22 months  
in neutral French & Hungarian  
oak barrels

**pH:** 3.95

**TA:** 5.7 g/100mL

**ALCOHOL:** 13.9%

**PRODUCTION:** 111 cases

**BOTTLED:** Aug 2018

### 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

### VINTAGE

2016 was another hot and early vintage in Washington State, and Kamiak Vineyard was no different. The mild winter led into a warm and quick spring, with degree days accumulating early. Bud break occurred about the 1st week of April, around two weeks earlier than normal. Heat built quickly with a much warmer than average late spring and stayed hot until mid-September. Our second-earliest harvest on record began with Chardonnay on August 25th, just as the heat of summer was transitioning to a mild fall, and a rainy October delayed the end of harvest to the end of the month. The last of the red fruit was brought into the cellar on October 25th. By the end of November, winter began settling in and the Gewurztraminer was harvested for ice wine on December 14th.

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

An easy drinking and approachable wine full of red fruit and baking spice aromas. The flavor is a mix of blueberry compote and your favorite leather-bound book. It is a luscious wine with herbal notes that will pair well with your Friday night pizza or a hamburger with all the fixings.