



FERMENTATION



Harvest Date
October 3, 2016

pH
3.79

Ageing
15 months in French oak

Acidity
5.7 g/L

Cases Produced
2050

R.S.
0 g/L

Alcohol
14.9%

LAUGHING STOCK VINEYARDS BLIND TRUST RED 2016

INSIDER TIP Blind taste the Blind Trust and try to guess the varietals before disclosing the assets which are kept under wrap and seal of the capsule.

Wine Profile

A blind trust is a financial trust in which the executors have full discretion over the assets, and the trust beneficiaries have no knowledge of the holdings of the trust. In this case, our Blind Trust is a wine in which the winemaker has full discretion over the blend, so you'll just have to trust us.

Always a secretive blend, the 2016 vintage has bright red fruit which it shows off in its lovely ruby hue. The chocolate cherry nose melts perfectly into warm cedar, plum, black currant and cured meat on the palate. While the Blind Trust Red 2016 is hard to resist in its current state, those who have the willpower to cellar will be rewarded for years to come.

Winemaking Notes

Grapes are handpicked and hand sorted both by cluster and berry upon arrival at the winery. Fermentation is done mainly in stainless steel, but David is also using oak fermenters and extended maceration on some lots. While both Blind Trust and Portfolio, our flagship blend, are treated exactly the same for the first 15 months, the selection process is about making Portfolio the best it can be, while making the Blind Trust approachable and better suited for drinking early-on.

If you want to blind taste the Blind Trust, read no further. Spoiler alert: 45% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Malbec, and 9% Cabernet Franc to create a multi-layered, complex wine.

Vintage Notes

The 2016 vintage started out with the earliest bud break on record in the Okanagan. The early spring had significant heat units which caused the vineyards to surge in growth. A moderate summer helped to gain back some balance in the vines. Ripening was early but gradual as fall rains slowed down the pace at harvest. An early frost on October 11th created havoc for some other vineyards, but all our sloped sites were able to continue ripening till the end of October. Overall an exceptional harvest with a very long growing season meaning more time on the vines for the grapes to develop complex flavours.

Vineyard

Sourced from 3 sites on the Naramata Bench and from the Perfect Hedge Vineyard in Osoyoos.



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