# CANVASBACK

## 2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
## CIEL DU CHEVAL VINEYARD

With ideal soils and a dry desert climate, Red Mountain produces some of the most compelling and distinctive red wines in the New World. One of the region's oldest and most renowned vineyards, Ciel du Cheval was established in 1975, and for decades it has been the source for some of Red Mountain's most extraordinary bottlings. This barrel selection of our finest lots from Ciel du Cheval offers a classic expression of Red Mountain, combining layers of blackberry, Kirsch and violet with hints of graphite and crushed-rock minerality.

### VINTAGE NOTES

A cold winter resulted in a later start to the season, with budbreak in late April and bloom in early June. The cool weather continued into spring, resulting in slow and measured growth and a smaller-than-average crop. Temperatures warmed up beautifully in summer, but with no significant heat events the fruit was able to ripen at an ideal pace. The perfect conditions continued into fall, providing abundant hangtime. With lower yields, the 2017 wines have incredible concentration and unusually plush tannins. At the same time, the smaller crop resulted in excellent natural acidity, producing wines with grace and vibrant freshness.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

From its notes of blue plum, black cherry and baker's cocoa to its cardamom and clove accents, this wine is intensely aromatic and alluring. The first sip is juicy and expansive, exuding an old-school rustic charm, with spicy tannins and notes of tobacco leaf, cedar and star anise. On the palate, layers of brambly fruit and vanilla provide a sweetening counterpoint to the savory core of this powerful and elegant wine.

### WINEMAKING

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| **APPELLATION** | Red Mountain, Washington State |
| **VINEYARD** | Ciel du Cheval |
| **VARIETAL COMPOSITION** | 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc |
| **OAK PROFILE & AGING** | Aged 20 months in 100% French oak 75% new |
| **ALCOHOL** | 14.8% |
| **PH** | 3.74 |
| **ACIDITY** | 0.63g/100ml |