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CHALEUR ESTATE

BORDEAUX STYLE

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The 2017 Chaleur Estate is another stunning vintage for VINTAGE this, Washington State's original Bordeaux blend. Highly aromatic on the nose, with floral lavender, cassis and cedar complimented by dark chocolate, spice and lead pencil. In contrast to such an elegant nose, the palate is extremely robust and concentrated, with great energy and an explosive entry filled with cherry and blackberry. An extended, persistent finish is driven by this cuvee's traditionally fine-grained tannin.

VARIETAL



- 65% Cabernet Sauvignon
- 25% Merlot
- 8% Cabernet Franc
- 2% Petit Verdot

WINEMAKING

Cold soaked 24-36 fermented 14-16 days on skin, aged 20 months in 100% French oak (100% new) and aged in bottle 8 months prior to release. 14.4% Alcohol

VINEYARD

75% Ciel Du Cheval Vineyard 25% Klipsun Vineyard

"The 2017 Chaleur Estate can be thought of as the flagship Bordeaux blend and comes from multiple sites throughout the Columbia Valley. Slightly closed and reticent, yet with outstanding purity in its black cherry and currant fruits, it has subtle chocolaty oak and lead pencil nuances, medium body, silky, ripe tannins, and beautiful balance on the palate. It's going to benefit from 2-3 years of bottle age and cruise of 15 years in cold cellars."

REVIEW BY JEBDUNNUCK

