



JANUIK

2017 Klipsun Vineyard Merlot

VINTAGE

Spring 2017 began with wet cool weather that caused a delayed bud break. A hot summer put ripening back on a normal schedule and was followed by seemingly perfect fall conditions. This combination of growing conditions throughout the season produced smaller than normal berries and clusters and created wines of great intensity and flavor.

VINEYARDS

Among the great vineyards of Washington State, Klipsun ranks right at the top. *Wine & Spirits Magazine* has named it one of the 25 greatest vineyards in the world. Located in the Red Mountain appellation, it produces wines with great power, depth, and concentration. The wines from this vineyard tend to be very long-lived.

WINEMAKING

After destemming and crushing, grapes were fermented on their skins for nine days. After being pressed off, the wine was moved to predominately new French oak barrels for 20 months of barrel aging during which time the wine was racked every six months.

TASTING NOTES

An intensely dark ruby red color is followed by notes of red currant, black cherries, and violets. The nicely measured palate shows significant length as well as an abundance of spice and fruit as it evolves in the glass. No doubt, this wine will age gracefully for many years to come.

Mike Januik, owner/winemaker

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ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Total Acidity.....	0.52g/100ml
pH.....	3.66
Blend.....	100% Merlot
Cases.....	293
Bottling Date.....	June 12, 2019