

LUKE

LUKE 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon RESERVE Wahluke Slope AVA Columbia Valley

Vineyards: Stone Tree Vineyard
Varietals: 91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Malbec, 2% Petite Verdot, 1% Merlot
Alc: 14.8%
pH: 3.68
TA: 5.6 g/L
French & American Oak
257 cases produced

Winemaker: Peter Devison

All fruit was hand harvested in late September to mid-October and processed quickly to retain cool temperatures and fruit freshness. Lightly crushed and fermented in a mix of stainless steel bins and barrel, time on skins averaged 16-18 days and with 50% going through fermentation spontaneously. Gently pressed, the wine was aged in 100% French oak barrels, all second fill for 20 months.

Showcasing a deep, dark, almost opaque ruby/purple color, the 2018 reserve bursts from the glass with intense aromas of cassis/black currant, dark cherry and pressed herbs. Notes of blackberry preserves, grilled toast and baking spices are also evident in this excitingly complex wine. The palate is super approachable, albeit being young, but with just enough seriousness and structure to age 5-8 years in bottle. Broad shouldered and dense, the tannins are fine grained and layered, highlighting the power and depth of this amazing vintage.

I heard stories about him for years, saw him in the flesh a few times, and spoke to him only once. The true depth of a man's character is often unknowable, but even one conversation was enough to convince me that Luke was an imitation of no one. He revealed himself slowly, like a freed wind emerging from the shadow of a mountain. Seemingly ordinary at first, but undeniably complex. Bold and determined, but unabashedly generous.



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