

2017 helix sangiovese

Stillwater Creek Vineyard, Columbia Valley AVA

description

Cooler to moderate fall temperatures, following a warm hot summer, allowed for plenty of Sangiovese hangtime.

Red fruit, dried flowers and hints of finely ground black pepper entertain the nose. Balanced acidity and medium tannins accompany flavors of plum, red currant, cherry, fig and roasted tomato with a savory suggestion of oregano, white pepper and loam. This Sangiovese pairs well with any tomato-based plate. - *Chuck Reinger, Winemaker*

technical information

Blend: 100% Sangiovese

Cooperage: 100% used French oak

Alc.: 14.5%

pH: 3.59

TA: 6.1g/L

Bottling Date: July 2019

Production: 219 cases

Release Date: September 2019

Drink Between: 2019-2025

the vineyards

STILLWATER CREEK Stillwater Creek Vineyard is a 235-acre site on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills. Planted in 2000 on a steep, south-facing slope with one of the most diverse clone selections in Washington State, Stillwater Creek quickly has earned a reputation as one of the Columbia Valley's top vineyards.

In March 2007, Stillwater Creek was the first Columbia Valley vineyard certified "Salmon Safe" by Seattle's Stewardship Partners for environmental practices that help protect water quality and habitat for fish and wildlife, particularly Northwest salmon.

At Stillwater Creek, we source two clones of Sangiovese: Clone 19 and Clone 23. Clone 19 has nice, opulent fruit while Clone 23 is rustic and austere, with higher tannins. The higher elevation at this vineyard also preserves the acid in both Sangiovese clones and allows for prolonged hang-time for phenolic development.



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Helix Wines are the culmination of a long, storied family history in the Washington and Oregon wine and agriculture industries and a reflection of our family's belief that farming and winemaking is all about discovery. Helix wines are produced by the same family who create REININGER at our Walla Walla Valley winery. Named for a farmstead in Helix, Oregon, where our grandparents met, married, and farmed, Helix is truly a reflection of our family's pioneering background and strong sense of place. Since the first Helix vintage in 2002, our goal is to explore the diverse and unbounded Columbia Valley and to see for ourselves what the Columbia Valley vineyards are capable of producing.