



# 2014 | 1RDRS4 READERS CABERNET SAUVIGNON COLUMBIA VALLEY A.V.A.

A stunning Cabernet from Washington's oldest and most revered vineyards. Our Readers blend tips its hat to the exploratory readers of books and wine.

Sourced from Conner Lee Vineyard's old vines from '87 and '88 blocks, Dionysus Vineyards' old block 18 and Elephant Mountain Vineyards' high elevation superior Cabernet blocks, this powerful wine offers fragrant blackberries, mocha and mineral complexity, all built into this fantastic old vine Cabernet's delicious style.

## VINTAGE

An early ripening harvest, 2014 fruit from our vineyards yielded record color and tannin. Our vintage portfolio carries a volume and weight that matched our house style of rich and smooth age-worthy reds. Spring broke buds and flowered early. Summer temperatures were hotter than average with many July and August days over 100F. Verasion was early under good conditions, together hallmarks of great vintages. Our familiar old vine blocks had fruit shaded with healthy canopies balancing acidity and sugar ripeness while keeping fruit from sunburn. By October, the vintage was record breaking in total heat units and cool picking weather was welcome.

## WINEMAKING

These Cabernets were handpicked in the mornings of October 5-25. We hand-sorted clusters, and destemmed into small fermenters for hand mixing. Fermentation completed in barrels and puncheons. We aged on lees reductively developing savory tones complimentary to the powerful fruit. After 20 months, we selected the final blend. We then filtered for purity and aging stability. With the addition of choice Syrah and Merlot for aromatic lift, the blend describes cabernet at its most gorgeous vintage expression. This rich wine will age easily for decade or two and is enjoyable with a host of savory, full flavored foods throughout the range of seasons.

## APPELLATIONS & VINEYARDS

Columbia Valley 90%	50% Conner Lee 40% Dionysus
Yakima Valley 10%	10% Elephant Mountain

## FINAL BLEND

75% Cabernet Sauvignon
15% Merlot
10% Syrah

## AGING

100% French Oak barrels, 30% new
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**CASES PRODUCED** 4,200 12-pack cases/750mL

**TECHNICAL DATA** Bottled: Summer 2016 • Alcohol: 14.9% by volume • pH: 3.8 • TA: 5.5 • RS: 2g/L

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