

2016

TASTING NOTES

HEXAMETER



HEXAMETER is the meter that *OVID* used in his *GREATEST POEM: Metamorphoses*. This form of verse is *uniquely* SUITED TO the telling of long & *INSPIRING* tales that stand the *test of time*. We aim to *recreate* these QUALITIES IN THE *HEXAMETER* WINE, featuring our Pritchard Hill estate's *MOST PROFOUND* and *COMPELLING Cabernet Franc* as its core.

The 2016 growing season began with the steady, *cathartic pitter-pat* of rain after 4 years of drought. BUDBREAK was pushed forward a COUPLE WEEKS by the *new normal* of an *unusually WARM & DRY* February; but things SLOWED BACK DOWN to a *TRANQUIL* pace as RAIN RETURNED and extended into May.

A *long and leisurely* summer provided AMPLE TIME to carefully consider each VINE AND FARMING decision. With a WARM PUSH at the end of August, harvest got off to an UNHURRIED START at the last WEEK OF SEPTEMBER and *stretched* out into the SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER.

The unrushed *extravagance* of the 2016 growing season finds FULL EXPRESSION in this Hexameter. OPULENT notes of Rainier cherry, *VIOLETS*, fresh blackberry, and PLUM *mingle serenely* with aromas of DARK CHOCOLATE, molasses and PENCIL SHAVINGS.

Round & resonant, this wine captures the *UNDENIABLE deliciousness* of this SPECTACULAR VINTAGE.

Austin Peterson, *Winemaker*