

# 2016 CIEL DU CHEVAL VINEYARD MERLOT

It's no secret that Charlie loves Merlot: it is one of his favorites in the vineyard, in the cellar, and (of course) for drinking. However, Red Mountain is Cabernet country, and so Charlie covets the blocks of Merlot he is able to source from. In the Ciel du Cheval Merlot, Charlie chooses well established fruit from blocks planted in 1994 and 2001, giving him a balance of age and youthfulness. This Merlot gives us beautifully balanced fruit and floral tones, structure, and silky soft tannins. Drink now through 2027.

## **BLEND**

100% Merlot

## **VINEYARD**

Ciel du Cheval Vineyard

## **AGING**

50% New French Oak  
17% New American Oak

## **WOOD FERMENTATION**

17% 500L Roller Barrel

## **ALCOHOL**

14.6%

## **PRODUCTION**

143 cases



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