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## 2016 Radicle Vine Cabernet Sauvignon Slide Mountain [95%], Red Willow [5%] Columbia Valley AVA

## WINEMAKER NOTE

In botany, a "radicle" is the earliest emerging root to develop from a seed, sending itself into the ground to create strength and take nourishment from the soil so that the plant will grow strong and spread its leaves. These wines are easy to enjoy, accessibly fruit forward, and suitable for both off the cuff quaffing, or as a simple adjunct to a meal. Sourced from two vineyard sites in the Yakima Valley, this Cabernet Sauvignon is a nod to the superb drinkability of the 2016 vintage. Harvested from multiple picks throughout October from one of the warmest vintages on record, this wine balances the smooth sophistication of Cabernet Sauvignon with the muscular power of just a small percentage of Petit Verdot.

VARIETAL: Cabernet Sauvignon (93%), Petit Verdot (7%)

PRODUCTION: 439 cases ALCOHOL: 14.9% ABV

## **PROFILE**

Aged hues of mulberry around the rim lead into a core of jam and eggplant purple. The wine's brooding color carries into aromatics packed with blackberry liqueur, currant, cocoa and subtle, savory olive. This Cab is soft and sweet throughout the entry and mid palate with loads blue and black fruits, generous vanilla and a savory herbaceous nuance. The tannin structure feels softer than most E. Washington Cab from the blistering 2016 vintage, a likely tribute to Lady Hill's sur lie extended barrel aging regimen. Though it has the weight and tannins to age through 2025, the 2016 Radicle Vine Cabernet Sauvignon is crafted as an everyday drinking hearty table wine and built for those that are looking to do some summer grilling.

## **PAIRING**

Carne asada, burgers, bratwurst sausages.