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PROCEDO CREDENTE

Red Willow Vineyard, Columbia Valley AVA

WINEMAKER NOTE

The 2015 Procedo Credente is our annual nod to the Great Super Tuscan wines of the old world, and an acknowledgement of the forethought and ingenuity of the Sauer Family of Red Willow Vineyard. The core of this wine is a compilation of Grosso and Piccolo clone Sangiovese that can be traced back to the recommendation of the great Dr. Walter Clore and his experimental "college plot" planted back in 1973.

Harvested between mid-September and the first week of October at optimal sugar levels, the fruit was hand sorted and fermented in 1.5 ton bins for 20-28 days. The resulting wine was gently pressed and aged in a combination of once filled and neutral French oak puncheons and barrels for 24 months, allowing the sweet spice and layered mouthfeel to continue and evolve over the next 10 years, achieving its full potential in the mid 2020's.

VARIETAL: 67% Sangiovese, 25% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2%

Cabernet Franc

PRODUCTION: 184 cases ALCOHOL: 14.9% by volume

PROFILE

Rich and concentrated aromatics open with luscious scents of red and black cherries backed by a subtle profile of tobacco leaf and mulled plum. The dark core of mahogany runs red around the rim with the blood from Jove. If it were just the complexity of aromatics and the brooding color change that bedazzled these Tuscan beauties, we aren't sure they would have flourished. Where these wines have gained their international prowess is in the mouthfeel, using a blend of Bordeaux varietals to create a textured plushness to balance the talky tannins and bright acids of Sangiovese.

PAIRING

Anything Italian.