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2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON HEATHER HILL WALLA WALLA VALLEY

94+ POINTS – VINOUS

Bright ruby. At once darker and more subdued on the nose than the 2015 version, which I retasted next to this wine; aromas of cassis, black cherry, blackberry, menthol and crushed-rock are accented by notes of violet and bitter chocolate. Tight-grained and vibrant on the palate; a real high-wire act of pungent dark berries, sweet dusty spices and floral high notes. . . has the structure for a slow and graceful development in bottle.

94 POINTS – JEB DUNNUCK

The single vineyard 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Heather Hill comes from a site in the Walla Walla Valley and spent 22 months in French oak. It offers a very different style than the Columbia Valley cuvée and gives up lots of tobacco, damp earth, chocolate, black plums, and blackcurrants on the nose. These carry to a medium to full-bodied Cabernet that has a rounded, expansive texture, ripe tannins, and a great finish. There are only 271 cases, but it's a beauty!

93 POINTS – WINE SPECTATOR

Polished and refined in structure, with rich black cherry, toasty mocha and spice flavors that build richness on the lush finish

92 POINTS – WINE ADVOCATE

Displaying with a deep ruby core with purple highlights, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Heather Hill has a robust and generous nose, offering up plum reduction, blackberries and a smooth chocolaty essence before swaying toward a cherry compote expression with a soft herbal nature and a hint of bell pepper. Full-bodied, the mid-palate shows a velvety mouthfeel and balanced structure that presides with luscious black fruit purée flavors in the mouth. Finishing long and drawn out . . . proving without a doubt that this is the best bottling of the range. It's delicious.

92 POINTS – WINE ENTHUSIAST

Editor's Choice

The aromas offer notes of coffee, pink peppercorn, cedar, bittersweet chocolate, sautéed herb, barrel spice, coffee and dark cherry. There's a pleasingly open texture to the coffee and cherry flavors. Lightly grainy tannins provide support. Give it a few years in the cellar for them to smooth out, and it will deliver.

92 POINTS – JAMES SUCKLING

This is a tight cabernet sauvignon with lots of currants and violets in the nose and on the palate with just the right amount of toasted oak and nuts. Medium body. The tight palate opens up at the end.