



2015 RED ICON

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This wine invites you in with rich aromas of blackberry, dark plums, cassis and sweet spices. The palate, with its velvety tannins and high acid, offers bold and juicy black fruit layered with pepper, baking spices, vanilla and chocolate. Those who cellar this wine will be rewarded.

VINTAGE

The 2015 vintage kicked off with a warmer than average spring combined with minimal precipitation, leading to early bud break and flowering. The rest of the growing season followed suit with record breaking temperatures. Canopy management was key for Painted Rock in 2015. While harvest happened significantly earlier than normal though out the valley due to spiking sugar levels, we were able to forestall ripening long enough to ensure our phenolic ripeness (tannin) would have time to develop and be in balance with our sugar levels.

WINEMAKING

Each vineyard block was individually hand picked and berry sorted. Blocks were then broken into small batches, cold soaked on their skins for four days and fermented for an additional 21 days on their skins in tank with twice daily pump overs. All batches are then barrel aged for 18 months in 30% new french oak. The barrels that were blended to create the Red Icon were chosen first for their specific attributes. The wine was blended prior to bottling, unfiltered.

BLEND 45% MERLOT, 24% CABERNET FRANC,
11% MALBEC, 11% PETIT VERDOT,
9% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ALC % VOLUME 14.6%

PH 3.92 **TA G/L** 6.3 **RS G/L** 3.8

CSPC + 468900