

# CLUB CRUSH CABERNET *June Shipment (#3 - 2021)*

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## **OBSIDIAN RIDGE 2017 HALF MILE CABERNET SAUVIGNON RED HILLS, LAKE COUNTY**

### **TASTING NOTES:**

Half Mile is the darkest and richest wine we make from Obsidian Ridge Vineyard. The 2017 vintage is no exception; it is perhaps even darker and more brooding than usual. Shy and reserved when first opened, it should be decanted for best results. You'll be rewarded with aromas of fresh blackberries, dried cherries, licorice and a gentle pine forest lift. Flavors of cocoa powder, espresso and blackberries

fit neatly within the taut tannic structure that teeters on a balanced edge. The 2017 has an earthy element, and an endurance that may prove it to be the longest-lived vintage of Half Mile.

### **WINERY INFO:**

When Peter Molnar laid out the blocks to be planted at Obsidian Ridge, he singled out a notch at the highest elevation with the hope of making a vin de garde. At 2,640' elevation, this vineyard may produce the only wine made in California at a half-mile high. Planted with Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah and Petit Verdot, the block distinguishes itself with one variety in one year and another the next..

Following on the success and learning from our first vintages making "Half Mile," we have now evolved this Cabernet-based reserve wine with judicious blending of both Petite Sirah and Petit Verdot. We have applied the same principles as previous years, and given this reserve wine all new barrels crafted by our Kádár cooperage with oak sourced from the Tokaj forest in Hungary. These are slow-extraction, slow-evolution barrels, and they magically meld the high-acidity Petite Sirah and monolithic Petit Verdot into the broad base of rich, dark, fruit-driven mountain Cabernet Sauvignon. A multi-octave harmony is achieved, which becomes apparent particularly toward the end of the wine's residence in barrel. This blending and time in barrel is essential to the persistence, focus, elegance and ageability of Half Mile..

### **WINE STATS:**

**Blend:** 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Petite Sirah, 10% Petit Verdot

**Barrel Aging:** 19 months in 100% New Petraea, Medium Toast Plus Kádár Barrels

**Alcohol** 14.9%

**Total Acidity** 0.54 g/100 ml: **pH** 3.90

**Production:** 900 cases



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**Regular Price. . . . \$67.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . . \$61.19**

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## WOODWARD CANYON 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON ARTIST SERIES #27 WASHINGTON STATE

### TASTING NOTES:

This beautiful and dark red-purple wine shows a complex nose of spiced black fruits, herbs, and lead pencil, that integrate beautifully with the subtle attractive oak. In the mouth, the wine is rich and elegant, showing ripe fruit, nice balance, and proportion, with herbs, and tobacco. Integrated tannins enhance the texture; the finish is complex, generous, and long. While this wine can be enjoyed now it will benefit greatly from additional cellaring and, with proper storage, should develop for ten years or more.

### WINERY INFO:

Woodward Canyon Winery was established in 1981 by Rick Small and his wife, Darcey Fugman-Small. The winery was named for the canyon where Rick's family farmed for multiple generations and where the Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard is now located. Woodward Canyon was the second winery in the Walla Walla Valley, and the Smalls were instrumental in the process of obtaining federal approval of the Walla Walla Valley Appellation in 1984. The winery has consistently produced premium, age-worthy cabernet sauvignons, Bordeaux-style blends and merlots as well as chardonnays. From the outset, it was determined that quality would take precedence over quantity.

Our Woodward Canyon "Artist Series" began in 1992 with the intent to showcase the finest cabernet sauvignon in Washington State and has since become our flagship wine. The vineyards used in the "Artist Series" are among the oldest and most highly regarded in the state, typical vine age is around 25 years old. The label changes every year with work from a different Pacific Northwest artist. The 2018 vintage was a warm and dry vintage with average crop yields for most blocks.

**Artist Info:** 2018 ARTIST SERIES #27, "Lush", Encaustic 1' x 1', Jodie Stejer, Sandpoint, Idaho

### WINE STATS:

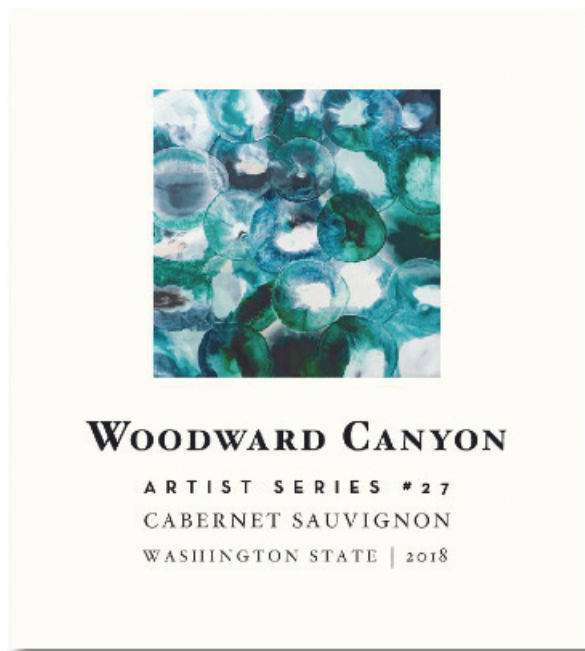
**Blend:** 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 7% Petit Verdot, 3% Syrah

**Vineyard Sources:** Champoux, Woodward Canyon Estate, Weinbau, Sagemoor

**Barrel Aging:** 22 months in 28% New French barrels

**Alcohol** 14.5%

**Production:** 3,347 cases



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**Regular Price. . . . \$58.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . . \$53.09**