

Inspired by the greatness of one man, William Bitner Browne, late grandfather of proprietor Andrew Browne, Browne Family Vineyards is a dream that has been many years in the making. Every decision made – from the vineyard to the bottle – reflects a commitment to premium Washington state wine of uncompromising quality, assuring cellar worthy vintages that stand the test of time.

"A TRIBUTE TO MY SONS, PAVIN, RILEY & BROOKS."





## TASTING NOTE

"Bursting aromas of cinnamon, baking spice and mixed florals introduce flavors of mixed berry preserves, fig and blueberry. This is a medium bodied wine has robust tannins finishing with lingering flavors of cranberry, mocha and cedar. This wine is exceptionally diverse and will pair well with anything from roast beef to spiced chicken wings."

John Fillmun – John Freeman, Winemaker

# VINTAGE NOTE

After warmer and larger than average harvests from 2012-2016, this year's growing season and harvest were far more normal. A wet spring led to a dry, warm summer, allowing for excellent fruit development in our vineyards. By harvest, our fruit showed phenolic ripeness with an ideal balance between sugar, acids, and tannin in the fruit skins. The fruit harvested will make for a fine 2017 vintage from Washington. Harvest began during the second week of August with the last of our Cabernet Sauvignon pulled from The Benches Vineyard at Wallula Gap and Skyfall Vineyard on November 2.

#### WINEMAKING

HARVEST DATE Oct. 7–24, 2017

BLEND 37% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Cabernet Franc, 10% Petit Verdot, 7% Malbec, 6% Syrah

AGED
21 months

OAK
32% new French oak

TA PH ALC. 5.3 g/l 3.78 14.11%

### VINEYARDS

#### **COLUMBIA VALLEY AVA**

35% Mirage, 23% Shaw, 18% Blackrock, 16% Browne Family Vineyard, 8% Willard
Known for its many and varied microclimates (cool, warm, windy, hilly, flat), Columbia Valley is the umbrella AVA under which many of the state's sub-AVAs fall. While it contains 99% of wine grapes grown in Washington State, 6,851 of its acres are unique to the Columbia Valley and don't overlap another sub-AVA in the state.



2015 - 90 POINTS, Jeb Dunnuck

2015 - 90 POINTS, Wine Spectator

2014 - 88 POINTS. Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

