

2016 Sorella (Champoux Vineyard)

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This vintage of Sorella will be the type of wine that has been praised as one of the best vintages since its inception in 1994. This was an excellent vintage for Cabernet Sauvignon and it shows in this Cab Sauv heavy blend. Sorella means sister in Italian and was named after Chris Camarda late sister Jane Camarda.

The 2016 Vintage in Washington State started out quick during the spring, but in early June the weather returned to normal and thus lead to a start date of September 12th for picking. Harvest continued until October 25th with Cabernet Sauvignon from Two Blondes vineyard coming in. Right away we saw the high potential of the fruit and how this vintage would end up being another great vintage for us.

Reviews:

(99 Points)...Flirting with perfection...its saturated purple color is followed by a La Mission Haut Brion-like bouquet of black and blue fruits, gravelly, minerality, smoke tobacco, and chocolate. Deep, multi-dimensional, full-bodied, and with beautiful complexity, it's a magical wine as well as the finest wine from this estate to date. Bravo! Jeb Dunnuck – Jebdunnuck.com

(96+ Points)...The plump, juicy nose exudes aromas of luxurious, elegant fruit characteristics of ripe blackberry and dark plum along with a layered core of oak and a structured floral bouquet. Exciting and thought-provoking on the full-bodied palate, fruit and oak spices radiate with the precision and focus of world-class wine, building to a plushier, fruit-forward expression on the mid-palate yet showing a mineral focus. The finish is long and winding, with layers that continue to evolve in the mouth, unfolding to a generous and intricate lingering expression. Bravo! Anthony Muller – Wine Advocate

Composition: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petite Verdot

Alcohol: 15.2%

Vinification: Indigenous yeasts, no filtering, no fining, minimal SO₂

Vineyard: Champoux (~130 acres total, sustainable farming, handpicked fruit, Vineyard Manager = Dan Nicholas)

AVA: Horse Heaven Hills, Washington State, USA

Average Age of Vines: 39 Years

Time in barrels: 19 months (30% New French Oak, 70% Neutral French Oak)

Bottling Date: May 2018

Release Date: March 2021

Total Production: 860 Cases

