

THREE
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WINERY



2018 SVELTE COLUMBIA VALLEY

VINEYARDS & VARIETAL COMPOSITION

60% Artz Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Red Mountain
20% Summit View Vineyard Malbec, Walla Walla Valley
10% Weinbau Vineyard Merlot, Wahluke Slope
10% Seven Hills Vineyard Petit Verdot, Walla Walla Valley

VINTAGE NOTES

A mild wet winter led to a cool wet spring. With bud break at a near normal pace we headed into June with yet more rain. July and August really heated up with temperatures over 100°F and smoky skies. September revealed ideal conditions for a beautiful uneventful harvest.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

In 2006 we created this stunning blend that didn't stick to just Bordeaux varietals so we needed to come up with a proprietary name for our top tier blend. We were updating our look for this bottle as well so it was perfect timing. We searched high and low and were enamored with the word "Svelte": urbane, suave, sleek and polished. This word was the perfect fit to describe our elegant beauty. Over a decade later, we still get excited making this age-worthy blend with no constraints. Each year we taste through every barrel in our cellar and rate them by color, aromatics, flavors, balance, intensity, complexity and varietal and site accuracy. The highest rated wines become candidates for our Svelte. With the addition this year of aging in 100% new French oak for an extended period of time, we hope to lift the fruit to new heights. Our 2018 vintage showcases macerated black fruit, mocha and a hint of graphite with mouthwatering richness throughout the palate. The finish is firm yet rip with structured tannins and nice acidity. This wine packs a punch, so cellar for a few years to allow it to fully develop as it is built to age.

SPECIFICATIONS

AGING:	17 months in 100% new French oak
pH:	3.70
TA:	5.8 g/L
ALCOHOL:	14.7 %
BOTTLING DATE:	March 16, 2020
PRODUCTION:	140 Cases

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