

SUSTAINABLE ESTATE | FAMILY | STEWARDS OF THE GRAPE

TASTING NOTES

Stephen Tanzer “Full medium ruby. Very dark aromas of blackberry, cassis, licorice and violet. Densely packed and fine-grained, conveying a sexy subtle sweetness to its seriously intense flavors of currant and dark chocolate. This is more pliant and rich at the same state than the 2014 bottling and longer on the aftertaste, finishing with plush, integrated tannins, sneaky length and no impression of heaviness. The best Malbec to date from Anna Schafer, who worked for Paul Hobbs in Argentina in 2006 and 2007 before returning to her family’s estate which had been established in 2004. I’d like to have tasted this alongside the better Argentine Malbecs I sampled earlier this year.” 91PTS

WINEMAKING NOTES

After being hand-picked, hand sorted, and de-stemmed the fruit is fermented in small lot stainless steel jacketed 2.3 ton fermenters with the cap punched down and pumped over. Malolactic fermented in barrel for two months, then aged in 100% French Oak (40% new) for 23 months. It is then bottled, unfinned and unfiltered.

VINTAGE AND VINEYARD NOTES

2015 was the earliest grapes have ever been harvested in the state of Washington as well as for àMaurice. We picked our first lot in August! It was the warmest year on record and proved to be a warm fall as well. The skins thickened due to the intense and lasting heat that created density and richness in the resulting wine. We picked as fast as we could to maintain freshness and natural acidity.

VINEYARDS

Gamache – Roger Gamache (Mesa, WA Wahluke Slope AVA) 900 ft. elevation, planted 1985 in sandy silt with “caliche” rocks on a warm south facing slope affording good natural air drainage above the valley.

2015

Gamache Vineyard Malbec

Blend	100% Malbec
Appellation	Columbia Valley AVA, Wahluke Slope AVA
Production	321 cases
Alcohol	14.4%
Total Acidity	6.7
pH	3.75
Winemaker	Anna Schafer

