

## **2016 PETITE SIRAH**

### **HORSE HEAVEN HILLS – ZEPHYR RIDGE VINEYARD**

2016 vintage is Thurston Wolfe's 15th release of 100% Washington State **PETITE SIRAH**, a rare variety for Washington State. The vines were planted in 1998 at the Zephyr Ridge Vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills. The 2016 vintage was warmer than normal but with a cool harvest, producing well balanced wines with bright fruit aromas and soft, mature tannins. Harvested in early October at 24 Brix, the grapes were fermented in small open top fermenters for seven days and transferred immediately on light pressing to American and French oak (30% new) for malo-lactic fermentation. After 21 months barrel aging, the wine was bottled in June 2018. The resulting wine is dark red with intense aromas of spice, dark berries and coffee and a rich, smooth finish. 360 cases produced and scheduled for release August 2018. Alcohol 14.5%