

2016

TASTING NOTES

# HEXAMETER



HEXAMETER is the meter that *OVID* used in his *GREATEST POEM: Metamorphoses*. This form of verse is *uniquely suited* to the telling of long & *INSPIRING* tales that stand *the test of time*. We aim to *recreate* these *QUALITIES IN THE HEXAMETER WINE*, featuring our Pritchard Hill estate's *MOST PROFOUND* and *COMPELLING Cabernet Franc* as its core.

The 2016 growing season began with the steady, *cathartic pitter-pat* of rain after 4 years of drought. BUDBREAK was pushed forward a *COUPLE WEEKS* by the *new normal* of an *unusually WARM & DRY* February; but things *SLOWED BACK DOWN* to a *TRANQUIL* pace as *RAIN RETURNED* and extended into May.

A *long and leisurely* summer provided **AMPLE TIME** to carefully consider each **VINE AND FARMING** decision. With a **WARM PUSH** at the end of August, harvest got off to an **UNHURRIED START** at the last **WEEK OF SEPTEMBER** and *stretched out* into the **SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER**.

The unrushed *extravagance* of the 2016 growing season finds **FULL EXPRESSION** in this Hexameter. **OPULENT** notes of Rainier cherry, *VIOLETS*, fresh blackberry, and *PLUM* *mingle* serenely with aromas of **DARK CHOCOLATE**, molasses and **PENCIL SHAVINGS**. Round & resonant, this wine captures the *UNDENIABLE deliciousness* of this **SPECTACULAR VINTAGE**.

Austin Peterson, *Winemaker*