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## BIG PAPA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2005

*Columbia Valley*



### **Wine Background**

Mature vines with deep, established roots that struggle to nourish naturally produce fewer grape clusters and are slower to ripen. This combination of lower yields and long hand time creates a wine that is richer, more concentrated, and complex. Two of the oldest vineyards in Washington State, Sagemoor Farms on the Columbia River and Kiona Estate on Red Mountain are comprised of vines over 34 years old. We have found blending grapes from these two great vineyards together brings an extra dimension of complexity and polish to our Old Vine Cabernet Sauvignon.

### **Winemaking**

Chris Upchurch, known for his bold reds, consulted on the making of this big red. The blending of grapes from two of the oldest vineyards in Washington State gives this wine its velvet texture. This wine is made from 100% Old Vine Cabernet Sauvignon.

### **Viticulture**

The Old Vine Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from Sagemoor Farms on the Columbia River and Kiona Estate on Red Mountain. Both vineyards are over 34 years old.

### **Analytical**

*Grapes:* 100% Old Vine Cabernet Sauvignon

*Yields:* 2 tons/acre

*Aging:* 100% New French oak (Saury, Demptos, Suegin Moreau, Taransaud)

*Vintage:* Aged 19 months in oak using 100% malolactic fermentation, it has no residual sugar resulting in a dry bold red.

*Alc/Vol:* 14.5%

### **Notes**

Named for the patriarch of the family, made from 100% Old Vine Cabernet Sauvignon, big doesn't even begin to describe the wine. It begins with a huge forward burst of anise and olives that gives into blackberries and plums, followed up with pencil shavings and ending on a beautiful floral note. Once in the mouth the velvet texture is unmistakable, the focused tannins cradle the tongue with a long finish of sweet spices and dark chocolate that makes me say yum.

*--Brennan Leighton Winemaker*