

<i>Varieties:</i>	Cabernet Sauvignon (52%) Cab Franc (41%) Aglianico (7%)
<i>Origin:</i>	Parker's Vineyard (Lyle, WA USA) Idiot's Grace Vineyard (Mosier, OR, USA)
<i>Growers:</i>	Robert & Brian McCormick
<i>The Sites:</i>	Parker's vineyard occupies a flat cap of soil on the south shoulder of a high basalt shelf, above the reach of the cataclysmic floods which carved the Gorge. The Mosier vines featured here (some CS, plus the Ag) grow in old dune sand without supplemental irrigation.
<i>The Vintage:</i>	A precocious spring gave way to a summer of somewhat erratic but conducive weather. First grapes came off early, but the season had calmed and then seemed to stretch, giving an atypically unhurried harvest season.
<i>Harvest:</i>	3 & 11 October
<i>Labs:</i>	14% ABV, pH 3.80
<i>A Few Words:</i>	This vintage managed to confer full ripeness on these grapes, so we were pleased to bottle the Sangiovese apart. In its place, the Aglianico (picked and cofermented with Cabernet Sauvignon) imparts heft and a certain rusticity.

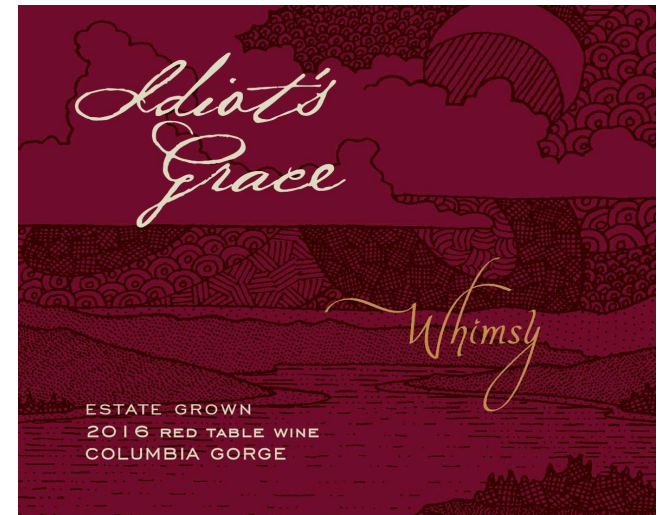
Fermentation, Upbringing and Bottling

Straightforward harvest.

Fermentation uninoculated; aging in large and small, older barrels.

207 cases, bottled 11/29/18.

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"Whimsy"

2016

Columbia Gorge AVA

A Few More Words...

The 'Whimsy' bottling was imagined as a friendly and familiar assemblage of grapes from the Cabernet family (plus some Sangiovese, some years), picked from the relatively high elevation vineyard beside the old Lyle winery. The site is among the last to ripen for us, and so the wine tends to retained a youthful verve; especially in cooler years, it is a lanky, savory accompaniment to the meal, both modest and fresh