

“Give me a place to stand, and I will move the Earth.”

– ARCHIMEDES

2016 ARCHIMEDES

Considered one of the greatest mathematical minds of all time, Archimedes of ancient Greece was a physicist, astronomer, engineer, and inventor. The lever, compound pulley, and hydraulic screw are among his many inventions. As legend has it, Archimedes defeated the Roman army at sea by creating enormous reflective devices which harnessed the sun's rays to ignite and burn their ships. The painting reproduced on our label memorializes this amazing moment in history. Having admired this great innovator, Francis Ford Coppola's grandfather, Augusto, named his first son Archimedes. With this wine we pay homage to Uncle Archimedes, a man who loved math and mechanics as much as his namesake.

ALEXANDER VALLEY

Alexander Valley experiences a unique climate where warm days transition into cool evenings because of the coastal fog that rolls into the valley every afternoon. The appellation also offers intriguing soil diversity. Red volcanic soils with high shale content dominate the eastern hillsides. Alluvial gravel fans are found on the valley floor and steep slopes in the western region consist of rocky clay loam. The selections of Cabernet Sauvignon used for this wine grow in a variety of soils. By blending them together, we can achieve a more complex wine.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The cold, wet winter of 2016 was followed by a prolonged summer heat that let the fruit develop excellent flavor concentration and ripe tannins. Harvest was spread out over many weeks, creating a slow pace that allowed the winemaking team to devote more attention to each batch of fruit. During fermentation, pump overs were used for extraction. New oak barrels were selected for aging to match the intensity of the fruit. This extra care is reflected in the exceptional quality of the wine.

TASTING NOTES

Crafted for the true connoisseur, Archimedes is produced in very limited quantities. Our 2016 vintage offers deep concentration, muscular tannins, and exceptional balance. Understated this wine is not. In fact, just the opposite - it's dramatic, powerful, and very expressive. From aromas of plums, blackberry jam, and anise, to smoky notes of cedar and tobacco, lush red and black fruits fill the palate, finishing with a spicy cocoa edge.

APPELLATION: ALEXANDER VALLEY

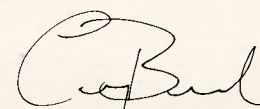
BLEND: 90% CABERNET SAUVIGNON,
10% PETIT VERDOT

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

BARREL REGIMEN: 21 MONTHS IN FRENCH
OAK; 50% NEW OAK

ACID: .59G/100ML

PH: 3.74


Corey Beck, Winemaker