



# THE WALLS

## 2017 GASPARD

### Behind the Name

Centuries ago, a weary and wounded knight, Gaspard de Stérimberg, returned from the Albigensian Crusade in Southern France. He built a small refuge at the peak of a granite hill where he lived as a hermit. Over time, others joined his refuge and mission: to replant and care for the wine grapes. This hill is known as the spiritual home of the Syrah grape, and is still the most common varietal grown in that area. Contemporarily, we are paying homage to a hermit who “walled” himself off from the world and in doing so, revived the ancestral grapes of this Syrah.

### Production Notes

Red Mountain produces wines of intensity in flavor and texture. Gaspard strays from our Mahana and Concrete Mama Rocks District offerings, due to completely different terroir. Plush and pleasant in its youth, this wine has round tannins and ripe blue and black fruit flavors that are balanced out by a backbone of acidity, making Gaspard a beautiful wine for aging.

### Tasting Notes

Aromas of dark blue fruits like marionberries lead black fruit flavors, dried cherry and herbs de Provence. This wine has a nice acidity to balance the darker fruit flavors.

### Pairing Notes

Pairs well with smoked meats, blue cheese and spicy sausage.

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**BLEND:** 35% Grenache Blanc  
23% Chardonnay  
17% Picpoul/Marsanne/Clairette Blanc  
15% Roussanne  
11% Viognier

**AVA/VINEYARD:** Columbia Valley AVA,  
French Creek, White Salmon, SJR and River  
Rock Vineyards

**HARVEST DATE:** 09/21/2017; 225 cases  
produced

**ABV:** 14.6%

**\$30/ bottle**