Founded in 1988, Apex Cellars strives to surpass its premium winemaking with each new vintage. The concept behind Apex Cellars remains steadfast: to produce quality wine so special and so outstanding that they represent the ultimate in winemaking and Washington State. Apex’s team of dedicated grape growers and cellar masters are focused on quality and craftsmanship with each vintage for every wine.

### Tasting Note

The 2016 Catalyst Red Blend opens with fruit-forward notes of dark berries, strawberries, and Van cherry. Hints of smoke, toasted oak and spices linger on the palate while a fine, integrated tannin rounds out a smooth finish dominated by flavors of dried dark fruits and spice.

### Columbia Valley

The 2016 growing season started quickly with warm temperatures across Washington, encouraging vigorous vine development. By late June, however, temperatures cooled considerably, creating optimal growing conditions for fruit maturation. In late summer, rain came to the vineyard and helped ease vine stress, while the vineyard teams worked tirelessly to ensure the canopies and fruit clusters would produce top quality grapes. Early ripening red varietals are well-developed with bright fruit notes. Longer-ripening red varietals, like Cabernet Sauvignon, will show more savory characteristics than in years past, and should make for cellar-worthy wines.

### Blend

32.8% Syrah, 20.4% Grenache, 9.4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7.4% Merlot, 7.2% Mourvedre, 5.2% Cabernet Franc, 5.1% Petit Verdot, 4.6% Sangiovese, 4.0% Tempranillo, 2.1% Lemberger, 1.3% Zinfandel and a touch of Cinsault, Cunoise & Roussanne.

### Vineyards


### Bottling

pH: 3.48
TA: 6.37 g/L
Alc: 14.23%

### Aging

12 months

### Harvest Date

September & October 2016