

# SIX PRONG

BY ALDER RIDGE WINERY

2015

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

### VINEYARD PROFILE

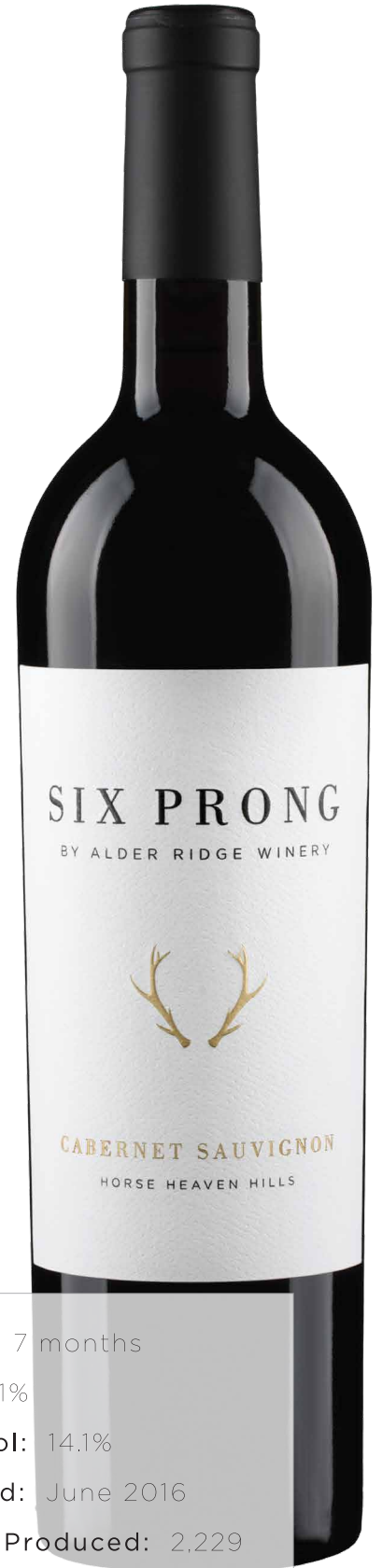
This renowned vineyard has 27 geologically formed benches, created nearly 20,000 years ago by the Great Missoula Floods. These sun-drenched, mostly south-facing benches start at an elevation of 1,400 feet and step all the way down to the shore of the Columbia River. Microclimates abound, suiting many varieties, and the up-sweeping winds benefit the vines by controlling pests, keeping the canopy naturally thinned and contributing to well-structured tannins (by toughening grape skins). The sandy soils promote deep rooting and the river serves as a natural insulator against winter and summer extremes.

### VINTAGE BACKGROUND

The 2015 Washington state harvest will go down in history as the vintage where parts of the state persevered above irrigation restrictions, severe 100-degree days, and a few late-season regional wildfires that spared growers from any problems. It will also be noted as the year with a record surge in growing degree days, a harvest that started early and ended by mid-October, and a bounty that surpassed the record 2014 Washington harvest. Fruit flavors from this harvest are concentrated and intense, with moderate berry size, excellent phenolic ripeness and balanced acidity.

### WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

A ripe and expressive style, aromas and flavors of juicy black cherry and red currants carry through the palate with full body, finishing with a persistent, almost sweet fruit finish with hints of herbal, clove-filled oak notes.



**Grape Source:** Wallula "The Benches", Alder Ridge

**Variety Percentage:** 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Syrah

**Harvest Date:** 10/2 - 11/3/2015

**Yeast:** Andante, EC-1118, Pasteur Red

**ML:** 100%

**Oak Details:** 80% American, 20% French, 35% New

**Aged:** 7 months

**TA:** 5.1%

**Alcohol:** 14.1%

**Bottled:** June 2016

**Cases Produced:** 2,229