

*Ovis (Latin for sheep) .... is a small lot of wine that pays homage to the flock of sheep that help control the cover crops and weeds in the vineyards. The sheep and the dedicated Great Pyrenees guard dogs are the foundation of Clay Shannon's sustainable farming practices. His love of protecting mother earth creates fertile lands that produce this extraordinary wine that he and his family offer to you with pride.*

# OVIS

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### VINTAGE 2016

The spring of 2016 was a steady sine wave of hot and cool days starting harvest off on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The whites were brought in before a week of cold weather slowed down ripening, allowing for a brief respite after the first rush of harvest. Reds started to trickle in during early September. The season went smoothly, until October 20<sup>th</sup> brought a deluge of rain with a fair amount of fruit left hanging. The varieties left to weather the storm were hearty, open clusters that handled it just fine. We finished up harvest on October 24<sup>th</sup> ending an eight-week vintage, one of our longest but best on record.

### TASTING NOTES

Amazing wine takes time. From Round Mountain Vineyard we have produced this rich, wonderfully aromatic and mouth filling wine. It took three years to find the best block of Cabernet on our Home Ranch and two years aging in barrel to let the fruit components and tannin meld naturally. Aromas of dried fruits, black currants, toasted hazelnuts, and dark chocolate fuse with flavors of savory herbs, worn leather, dried cherries and French oak resonate up through the glass. Slow wine is the best wine.



Cabernet Sauvignon • High Valley AVA • Round Mountain Vineyard  
100% ML complete in barrels • 30 months in barrel • 40% new oak 90% French oak selections  
• Brix at harvest 28.6 • pH 3.88 • Total Acidity 6.3 g/L • Alcohol 16.6%  
Ingredients: Cabernet Sauvignon grapes, yeast, tartaric acid, potassium metabisulfite and time

*1618 cases produced*

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