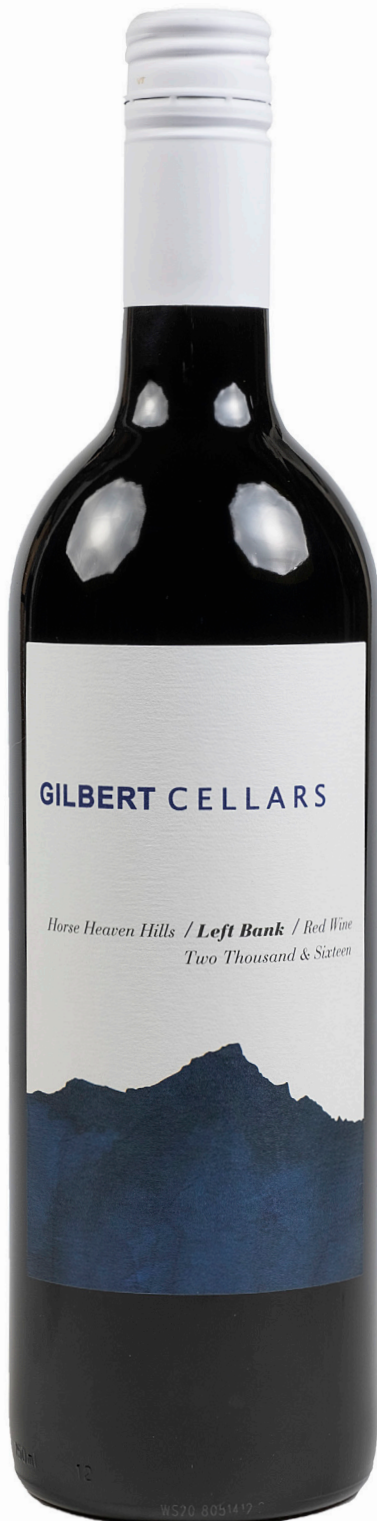


GILBERT CELLARS

FINE WINES CRAFTED IN YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Horse Heaven Hills / Left Bank

Two Thousand and Sixteen



VINEYARDS: RIVER RIDGE, CHUKAR, DOC STEWART

ASSEMBLAGE: 48% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 43% MERLOT, 5% MALBEC & 4% PETIT VERDOT

WINEMAKER: JUSTIN NEUFELD

PRODUCTION: 2537 CASES

AGING: 21 MONTHS IN 30% NEW, 70% NEUTRAL OAK BARRELS. 100% FRENCH OAK.

ALCOHOL- 14.3% | TA - 6.2 g/L | pH - 3.64

BOTTLING: AUGUST 23, 2018

RELEASED: OCTOBER 2019

Perched high above the Columbia River and kissed by the canyon breeze, the River Ridge Vineyard stakes its claim as our premier site for Bordeaux varietals. This blend comes to life with a fleshy palate of dark fruit and subtle earthy notes. Enjoy with good food, friends, and lively conversation.

91 POINTS - JAMES SUCKLING

Dark berries and subtle spices meld well on the nose. There's a very fresh and plush feel to the palate here with a sleek, fresh and linear drive. Blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and petit verdot. Screw cap. Drink in the next six years.

VINIFICATION: Fruit for this blend was harvested in October, 2016. The grapes were destemmed and crushed, leaving ~40% whole berries. The must had a pre-fermentation maceration of 48-72 hours at 9-10°C. Fermentation occurred in small, 1-ton lots. Extraction was achieved via hand punch downs and pump over with macro aeration, several times daily until the desired level of extraction was achieved at which time it was pressed and racked to barrel. It finished both its primary and malolactic fermentation in barrel. The wine was gravity racked minimally in the cellar and bottled on August 23rd, 2018.

ELEVAGE: 21 months in 30% new french oak and 70% neutral French oak.