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2017 Stone Cairn Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE

The Columbia Valley saw a shift back to a more moderately warm year in 2017 after a couple of years with record-setting heat. A wet, cool spring delayed bud break but warm weather in the summer brought the ripening back to a normal schedule. Moderate fall temperatures led to ideal conditions for small berries and clusters with intensity and plenty of acidity.

VINEYARDS

Obelisco, Quintessence and Ciel du Cheval are all considered to be among the best vineyards in the Red Mountain AVA. These particular vineyards always express the *terroir* of Red Mountain especially well. The rich soils, dependable air drainage, and limited rainfall result in highly concentrated berries with dense skins, rich inky color, and daring complexity.

WINEMAKER

Though this is my seventh vintage as an independent producer, I am fortunate enough to come from a family involved with Washington winemaking for the last 4 decades. I've had the invaluable opportunity of learning both the science and art of winemaking from two of the state's most highly regarded winemakers: Mike Januik and Scott Moeller. In recent years I have worked tirelessly to hone a unique style that best fits my palate and produces what I consider to be elegant and well-balanced wines. This has included six vintages of making wine in the Southern Hemisphere to expand my winemaking philosophy and techniques.

TASTING NOTES

A beautiful violet wine that offers aromatics of cassis, blackberry and cocoa. The textured layers show flavors ranging from pepper to dark cherries. The finish is long and brimming with bright acidity and fine tannins. Enjoy this wine from now until 2037.

2017 Stone Cairn (Not Yet Rated)

2016 Stone Cairn Ratings

- Jeb Dunnuck- 94 Points
- James Suckling- 93 Points
- Wine Spectator- 90 Points
- Wine Enthusiast- 90 Points

2015 Stone Cairn Ratings

- Wine Spectator- 92 Points
- Wine Advocate- 92 Points
- James Suckling- 92 Points

2014 Stone Cairn Ratings

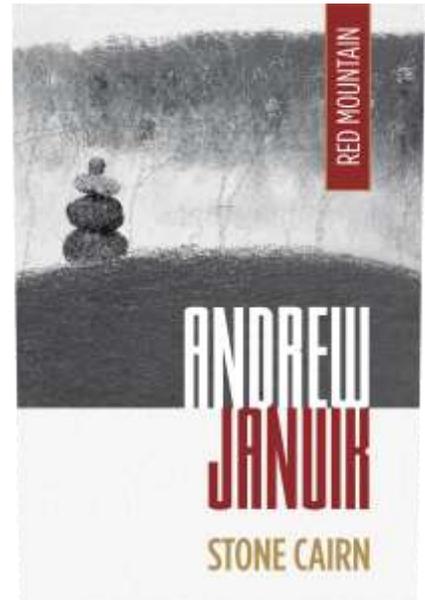
- Wine Advocate- 90 Points
- International Wine Report- 93 Points

2013 Stone Cairn Ratings

- Wine Spectator- 92 Points
- Wine & Spirits- 94 Points
- Wine Advocate- 91 Points

2012 Stone Cairn Ratings

- Wine Spectator- 92 Points
- Wine Advocate- 91 Points

**Blend:**

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Cases: 624

TA: 0.56

pH: 3.74

Barrels:

55% New French
45% Once-used French

Aging: 22 months in barrel