



a head of our time

2016 Big Head Red

A.B.V 13.1%

R.S. < 3 g/L

T.A. 5.6 g/L

BLEND 50% Cabernet Franc (ripasso)
20% Merlot (ripasso)
14% Petit Verdot (appassimento)
8% Malbec (appassimento)
8% Cabernet Sauvignon (ripasso)

ESTIMATED PEAK 2021

SERVE 16° C to 18° C

WINEMAKER'S NOTES This year was a higher yield over last year's and we didn't want to crop too thin for fear of damage to the wood later on. Malbec brought colour, softer tannins and softer acidity with a hint of spice. Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot brought structure. Petit Verdot brought colour and aroma, and the tannins were softer due to late picking. Cabernet Franc blends it all together, having all the characteristics of each. We used 75% American and 25% Moldovan oak barrels for 4 months for Maturation. American oak is a little more aggressive so the wine developed faster. It adds sweetness and vanillins, that compliment the spice and herb character of the fruit. My favourite version of this wine.

SOMMELIER'S NOTES This year's example is a little more savoury on the nose than the past vintage, showing a pepper and spice character that wasn't as apparent in the 2015, but strong in 2014 and 2013. Plenty of black and red berries, with a gamey note from the Petit Verdot. Drinking beautifully even this early. I don't know how Andrzej does this. The palate I can only describe as juicy, and it is a trait I am seeing from the rest of the wines I've tasted from this vintage. This wine isn't one you lay down forever, although I'm sure it could stand up to some aging. Pizza, burgers, sausage on a bun, or whatever you feel like for this "everyday" blend.

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