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2016 Powers Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon- Washington

Powers wines are crafted by long-tie winemaker Jose Mendoza to showcase Washington State's diverse microclimates and distinctive vineyards. Deeply rooted in long term relationships with premium Columbia Valley growers, Powers sources a variety of the highest quality fruit to consistently produce compelling wines of uncommon depth and complexity. They are committed to sustainable practices in both winery and vineyard to only produce the smallest possible carbon footprint. Champoux is regarded as one of the top vineyards of Washington State. A single vineyard wine: This intense, deep Cabernet Sauvignon from Champoux Vineyard in Horse Heaven Hills AVA is 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Merlot, and 2% Malbec and spends 32 months in 55% new French oak. It has exquisite layered aromatics of blueberry, dark cherry, and cedar with hints of violets, vanilla, and warm earth. This intriguing nose is followed by dense savory flavors of black currant, dark fruits, and cranberry with touches of cocoa, smoke and spice lingering on this complex palate. Firm, dusty, lush tannins are accented by hint of oak, acidity and earthiness on the finish. As is typical of Champoux Vineyard, this is a very elegant yet powerful Cabernet Sauvignon that will cellar for many years.

Pairings: Try a simple grilled ribeye, braised beef short ribs, grilled lamb or a cheeseburger. Aged gouda, cheddar or an herbed cheese pair well. Grilled portobello or a black bean burger are great plant-based alternatives.

2019 Troon Vineyards Syrah- Applegate Valley, Washington

Located in a distinctive growing area between Napa and Willamette, the Applegate Valley is at 1,400 feet of elevation, surrounded by the Siskiyou Mountains and 60 miles from the Pacific Ocean. The cool ocean breezes that cut through the mountains thicken the grapes' skins, creating wines with moderate alcohol and high acid. Troon Vineyard of Grants Pass is known for its thoughtful farming of grape varieties made famous by wines from France's Rhone Valley. Thanks to this approach, Troon is one of the first two wineries in the world to earn the Regenerative Organic Certified label for its wines. The Estate Syrah is deeply flavored and full of the classic black pepper notes that define refined styles. It is aged in mature French oak barrels for eighteen months. The goal for this wine is to reveal all of the nuances of this exceptionally complex variety that are hidden in riper versions. The wine's combinations of blackberries, lavender and black pepper pairs nicely with crisp fall evenings.

Pairings: Pairs with meat, especially steak and other beef dishes- grilled or cooked on an open fire. Great with lighter meats like grilled or sauteed chicken, pork and pork sausages. Perfect with charcuterie and cheese- especially with olives!