



Nine Hats Press

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90 POINTS – BEST BUY 2015 Pinot Gris, The Benches Vineyard, Horse Heaven Hills- “It’s rare to see a vineyard-designated bottle of Pinot Gris from the state. This one brings light aromas of apple and pear that are followed by dry fleshy fruit flavors. It hits all the right notes.”

88 POINTS 2015 Riesling, Columbia Valley- “The aromas are bright, with notes of lime leaf, apricot, citrus peel, flowers and lime. It drinks off-dry, with abundant stone-fruit flavors that provide plenty of pleasure.”

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“...the current new Nine Hats releases ...are excellent across the board. The white wines are balanced, considering the heat of the vintages, and their red wines are deep, complex, and simply delicious. Eminent head winemaker Giles Nicault sources from some of the best vineyards in the Columbia Valley for these wines.”

90 POINTS 2015 Riesling, Columbia Valley- This bright wine begins with aromatics of Meyer lemon blossom, Gravenstein apple and crushed wet rock. The palate yields ripe flavors of lightly candied pink grapefruit, Mandarin orange rind and Gala apple that sits alongside some lovely minerality. This is an excellent value white wine out of Washington. Drink 2016-2021

91 POINTS 2014 Red Wine, Columbia Valley- This wine is beautifully perfumed with rose petals, black cherry, wild blackberry cobbler and hints of milk chocolate fudge. There are deep flavors of black olive, black cherry, anise and creme de cassis that sit alongside lovely minerality. This is an exceedingly good wine for the price. Drink 2016-2026

91 POINTS 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley- Having an inky, deep core, the Cabernet opens with an aromatic profile of anise, creme de cassis, black olive, milk chocolate and baking spices. The palate is plush, as flavors of creme de cassis, dark chocolate shavings, coffee grounds and black cherry shine through. The silky texture and mouthfeel add to the experience. This will cellar well into the next decade. Drink 2016-2027