

# BITNER VINEYARDS

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## 2018 DRY ROSE - MERLOT

*Lanae Ridge Vineyard*  
*The Worker Bee Collection Series*

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Internationally known bee biologist Dr. Ron Bitner has worked with bees and vineyard management for more than 40 years, educating us on the importance of bees to our environment. The Leafcutter Bees (*Megachile rotundata*) that are found in Canyon County farm country are one of his specialties'. He is on the board of Directors of Pollinator Partnership the largest non-profit in North America for the protection of pollinators. Ron blends his love for bees—specifically the Alfalfa Leafcutter Bee—with his work in the vineyards, where he plants cover-crops to provide bee habitat and adorns bottle corks with images of leafcutters.

Idaho artist Felica Weston illustrates a female leafcutter bee—the primary pollinator for alfalfa grown for seed in the Northwest and Canada. This bee is a major contributor to the start of the food chain process and gets its name from lining its nest with leaves.

**This delightful Rose has aromas of citrus blossom and white peach with fresh flavors of strawberry and grapefruit followed by balanced acidity that gives way to a clean crisp finish.**

### **Perfect Pairings**

Rosemary flatbread with brie cheese and strawberries, smoked gouda mushroom quesadillas, and grilled salmon with veggie skewers and dill pesto sauce.

**Wine Makers:** James Nederend and Martin Fujishin

**Production:** 91 cases

**Price:** \$22/ Member: \$18.70

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