



JANUIK

2020 Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE

The 2020 growing season will be remembered for low yields, warm summer weather and sufficient hang time to produce wines with intense aromas and concentrated flavors. Bud break began in mid-April, then conditions progressed at a moderate pace for the next six weeks before temperatures took a dip in early June. Warm weather returned in July, and temperatures stayed hot through the summer. Conditions were dry, allowing growers to control vine vigor through irrigation. Grapes were slow to ripen in early September, but by mid-month, the Columbia Valley settled into its usual pattern of warm days and cool nights. Ideal harvest conditions lasted into mid-October allowing vines to ripen light crop levels beautifully.

VINEYARDS

One of the advantages of having made wine in the Columbia Valley since the mid-1980s is the opportunity it's given me to work with some of the most dedicated growers in the industry. Our Columbia Valley wines are made from a short list of vineyards I consider to be among the best in the state. The diversity of these vineyards-representing many of the most mature, carefully managed sites in Washington-provides for a full range of fruit expression that allows me to craft complex, multi-layered wines true to Columbia Valley terroir as well as the varietal character of the grapes. Our 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon includes grapes from Quintessence, Weinbau, Shaw, Ciel du Cheval and Obelisco vineyards.

WINEMAKING

After destemming and crushing, grapes were fermented on their skins for an average of 9 days. After being pressed off, the wine was aged for 20 months in equal amounts of new and once used French Oak barrels to improve its already lengthy finish. Racking an average of every 5 months helped create a wine with considerable structure and suppleness.

TASTING NOTES

This beautifully structured Cabernet Sauvignon is loaded with plum and black cherry flavors as well as boysenberry, mocha, and cedar notes in the nose. Its texture is quite elegant and it shows great length throughout the mouth, imparting a long, luxurious finish that was developed in part from the use of new French Oak barrels.

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ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Total Acidity.....0.55g/100ml

pH.....3.79

Blend...91% Cabernet Sauvignon
4% Merlot
4% Cabernet Franc
1% Malbec

Cases..... 2,076

Bottling Date..... June 9, 2022