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2018 Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE

Spring 2018 began with cool weather in April that was followed by warm weather in May. A dry, warm summer put ripening back on a normal schedule. Temperatures cooled in September and the growing region’s classic pattern of warm fall days and cool nights returned to extend harvest into the second half of October. This combination of growing conditions throughout the season produced smaller than normal berries and clusters and created wines of great intensity and flavor.

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 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon includes grapes from Quintessence, Shaw, Champoux, and Ciel du Cheval 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 21 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 supple, rich Cabernet Sauvignon is packed with cassis and black cherry flavors as well as raspberries, chocolate and vanilla notes in the nose. Its texture is quite refined and shows great structure throughout the mouth, imparting a long, luxurious finish that was developed in part from the use of new French Oak barrels.



ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Total Acidity.....	0.55g/100ml
pH.....	3.74
Blend.....	93% Cabernet Sauvignon 4% Malbec 3% Merlot
Cases.....	1,765
Bottling Date.....	June 6, 2020

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