



JANUIK

2018 Columbia Valley Red Wine

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 has 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 Red Wine includes grapes from Champoux, Ciel du Cheval, Weinbau, Shaw, Gamache, Lady Hawk, Bacchus and Quintessence vineyards.

WINEMAKING

After destemming and crushing, grapes were fermented on their skins for an average of eight days. After being pressed off, this wine was aged for 20 months in equal amounts of new and once used French oak barrels to improve its already lengthy finish. Racking the wine every five months created supple tannins and an elegant, stylish structure.

TASTING NOTES

The nose is filled with fresh blackberry, cherry and dark chocolate notes. On the palate, the wine is packed with raspberry and vanilla flavors. A concentrated and balanced mid-palate follows into a nice supple finish.

Mike Januik, owner/winemaker

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ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

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

pH..... 3.78

Blend... .47% Cabernet Sauvignon
37% Merlot
6% Malbec
6% Grenache
4% Cabernet Franc

Cases.....3,648

Bottling Date.....July 8, 2020