



## 2018 WINEMAKER'S RED COLUMBIA VALLEY

<b>Varietal Composition:</b>	Bordeaux-style red table wine (a primary blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot & Syrah)
<b>Appellation</b>	Columbia Valley
<b>Bottled:</b>	September 11, 2019
<b>Technical Data:</b>	Alc. 14.1% by vol; RS: 0.48; TA: 5.89 g/l; pH 3.47
<b>Cases Produced:</b>	9,633
<b>Production &amp; Aging:</b>	Aged 11 months in tank with French Oak staves

### THE VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season was warmer than average, with ideal weather occurring during the harvest season. The season started cool in April, and warmed up in May, advancing blooming. This advancement led to a large crop size that required extensive thinning. July and August served as warmer than average months, but the season cooled down once again in September creating ideal conditions for ripening. October temperatures were average across the Columbia Valley, with moderate days and cool nights. Warm days during harvest continued sugar accumulation while cooler nights preserved acidity. As a result, Brix levels were slightly above average in 2018, while acid levels were higher than anticipated for a warm vintage. Maryhill Winery received a total of 1,115 tons of fruit in 2018.

### THE VINEYARD

Sourced from our collection of award-winning vineyards in Washington state's Columbia Valley AVA.

### THE WINEMAKING

Throughout harvest, Winemaker Richard Batchelor worked closely with local growers and visited each vineyard to taste for maturity and ripeness to determine the precise moment to pick the fruit. Grapes were hand-harvested during the cool hours of the morning to preserve bright fruit notes. Sourced from our collection of vineyards throughout Washington, each lot underwent a five day pre-fermentation cold maceration for color and fruit extraction. The fruit was kept separate by varietal and warmed up to begin the native yeast fermentation. Once pressed, these wines were blended together in similar lots for style and underwent Malolactic fermentation in tanks containing 40% new French Oak staves. At such time, the wines were slowly micro-oxygenated to enhance the softening of the tannins before the wine was blended. Aged on oak in tanks for 11 months.

### TASTING NOTES

Warm fruit pie aromas of blackberries, cherries, and baking spice, with hints of chocolate and dried herbs. More ripe black currant and cherries on the palate with a hint of tobacco and a chewy rich tannin on the finish.



Pacific Northwest Winery of the Year  
Wine Press Northwest, 2015

Winery of the Year  
San Francisco International, 2014

Top 10 Winery of the World  
World Association of Wine Writers & Journalists, 2014

Winemaker of the Year  
INDY International, 2019, 2018 & 2013