

2019 WINEMAKER'S RED COLUMBIA VALLEY

Appellation Columbia Valley
Bottled: February 3, 2021
Technical Data: Alc. 14.1% by vol; RS: 0.33; TA: 5.90 g/l; pH 3.69
Cases Produced: 7280
Production & Aging: Aged 11 months in tank with French Oak staves

THE VINTAGE

The 2019 was a consistently temperate season. Very few extreme heat days allowed for even ripening and little stress on grape flavor development. While some areas were impacted from early season frosts, we saw little damage in the locations we source grapes from. Acids held well across whites and reds and will deliver great brightness in the whites and graceful aging for years to come in the reds. Maryhill Winery received a total of 1,249 tons of fruit in 2019.

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

Blackberry, Bing cherries, and a hint of oak are aromas that continue to the palate presenting nutmeg, Cedar and tobacco flavors supporting the rich coffee and tobacco coming through midpalate to finish.

AWARDS

Seattle Wine Awards 96 pts Double Gold



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