

2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON COLUMBIA VALLEY

Varietal Composition: Tudor Hills Vineyard 90%, McKinley Springs 10%

Appellation Columbia Valley

Bottled: January 18, 2022

Technical Data: Alc. 14.5% by vol; RS: 0.02; TA: 5.89 g/l; pH 3.82

Cases Produced: 309

Production & Aging: Aged 9 months in 50% new French oak

THE VINTAGE

The 2020 growing season was a consistently temperate season. Few extreme heat days allowed for even vine ripening and little stress on grape flavor development. While some areas in the Columbia Valley were impacted from early season frosts, Maryhill saw little damage in the locations that grapes were sourced from. The acids held well across white and red wines and will deliver great brightness in the whites and graceful aging for years to come in the reds.

THE VINEYARD

Sourced from our 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. Each lot underwent a five day pre-fermentation cold soak before the tank was allowed to go through a native fermentation to dryness lasting roughly 21 days. Each lot was fermented separately and then blended before bottling to allow the tannins to meld together. To craft this wine, only the free run juice was collected and no press fraction was blended. The wine was then barrel aged for 9 months in new French Oak. For the first year this wine was stirred in barrel on its lees and racked when necessary to soften the tannins. After the first 12 months the wine was racked off the lees for clarity before blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Plum, fig, blackberry, clove, and nutmeg notes with layers of fresh fruit, cedar and vanilla on the palate and a pleasing finish.

AWARDS

2023 Seattle Wine Awards - Double Gold (95 pts)



Pacific Northwest Winery of the Year Wine Press Northwest, 2015 Winery of the Year Top 10 Winery of the World Winemaker of the Year
San Francisco International, 2014 World Association of Wine Writers & Journalists, 2014 INDY International, 2019, 2018 & 2013

Most Valuable Producer Seattle Wine Awards, 2022