

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

columbia valley I vintage 2021

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Cabernet Sauvignon at Barnard Griffin —

The amazing complexity of this Cabernet is explained partly by the blending of authentic Bordeaux varieties which make up a background chorus of flavor.

VINTAGE 2021 —

Spring was early and warm. Water regimens had to be locked in and canopies situated so that the grapes had a modicum of relief from the blazing sun. Once we made it through summer, heat moderated and things were fairly straightforward through the end of harvest.

The intense heat contributed to smaller, more concentrated berries with less tonnage to go around — which in the end will make for some truly interesting, small lot wines. Reds will have a dense color and concentration, while cool nights saved the day (and the acid) for the whites.

Tech Notes —

VINEYARD SELECTION
Black Rock Vineyard | YAKIMA VALLEY
Arete Vineyard | COLUMBIA VALLEY
Crawford Vineyard | YAKIMA VALLEY
Sagemoor Vineyard | WHITE BLUFFS

BLEND	WINEMAKING
80% Cabernet Sauvignon	PH - 3.9
11% Merlot	TA57
9% Syrah	RS2G/L
-	FULL ML

FERMENTATION

Pumpovers 2 times daily; pressed at 1-3% sugar; peak fermentation temperature 85 degrees

FINISHING

 $17~\mathrm{months}$ (barrique) $~20\%~\mathrm{l}~\mathrm{yr}$ French oak

80% neutral

75% -

17 months (oak tanks)

3700 CASES PRODUCED - ABV 13.7%

TASTING NOTES —

A symphony of bright black cherry, plum and blackberry flavors sound off on the palate.

Spicy oak and dark chocolate accents glide across the long finish.

Full-bodied and rich, yet fresh and full of youthful exuberance.

ROB GRIFFIN FOUNDING WINEMAKER

Megan Hughes 2nd Generation Winemaker

