



BARNARD
GRIFFIN

ROB'S RED BLEND

washington state | vintage 2023

QUALITY • CONSISTENCY • CHARACTER | 40+ YEARS IN WASHINGTON WINE | FAMILY-OWNED AND OPERATED

VINTAGE 2023 —

2023 was about as seamless and normal as a farmer can expect in a quickly changing global climate. Harvest was barreling down on us mid-August whether we were ready for it, or not. An early but moderate spring, followed by the Columbia Valley's obligatory scorching 2 week stretch had fruit development in prime shape come August. Winemakers love a short sleeve and light denim harvest (at least these ones do) and that's exactly what we got.

We wrapped up on October 21st, well before any threats of winter. We saw reds with high fruit concentration and great color with full tannin development while the whites came in with steady acid and enhanced fruit definition. Fruit character is going to be the name of the game for our 2023 varieties. Expect to see another set of well-balanced, varietally specific wines coming out of our corner of the Columbia Valley.

TECH NOTES —

VINEYARD SELECTION

Black Rock Vineyard | YAKIMA VALLEY
Gunkel Vineyard | COLUMBIA VALLEY
Lonesome Spring Ranch | YAKIMA VALLEY

BLEND

Cabernet Sauvignon,
Merlot, Syrah

WINEMAKING

PH - 3.86

TA - .61

RS - 2.5G/L

FULL ML

FERMENTATION

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

FINISHING

15% -

16 months (barrique) 10% 1 yr French oak
90% neutral

85% -

16 months (oak tanks)

4500 CASES PRODUCED - ABV 13.8%

TASTING NOTES —

Ripe cherry, plum and dark chocolate flavors and aromas lead off accompanied by beguiling overtones of rum cake, vanilla and mint.

Very rich, with excellent balance and structure

ROB GRIFFIN
FOUNDING WINEMAKER

MEGAN HUGHES
2ND GENERATION
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