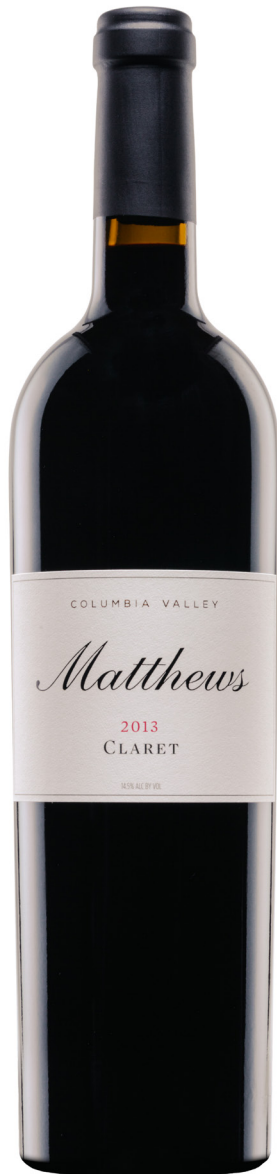


Matthews

2013 Claret



With the Claret you get more complexity, more fruit, more texture—a little bit more of everything—than you might expect from a wine at this price point. It's a gently oaked, medium-full bodied wine with great texture and a long, graceful finish. The flavor profile is classic, approachable, and incredibly consistent year after year. Expect to taste plenty of ripe fruit—plum, currant, blackberry, strawberry—with hints of vanilla, clove and tobacco. This wine is designed to be drinkable, now and well into its teenage years.

2013 was the warmest vintage since 2003, but it cooled off just in time for harvest. The resulting wines were less likely to tip over into overripe flavors or high alcohol levels, and picking proceeded at a normal pace. Growers let canopies spread a bit more than usual and adjusted crop sizes to achieve the kind of balance they wanted. With a cooling trend that started in mid-September, red wines come with ripe flavors, moderate alcohol levels and vivid acidity.

"Firm and focused, with crinkly tannins around a sleek core of blackberry, currant and plum flavors that keep singing on the expressive finish. This has room to grow. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot."

-93 points, Harvey Steinman, Wine Spectator, #27 on top 100 list

SELECT VINEYARDS

①	Columbia Valley AVA	Stillwater Creek, Dionysus
②	Red Mountain AVA	Hedges Family Estate, Bel'villa, Canyons
③	Walla Walla AVA	Blue Mountain, Pepper Bridge
④	Wahluke Slope AVA	Winebau Vineyard

Production	2,129 Cases
Release Date	Spring 2016
Blend	54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Cabernet Franc, 10% Merlot, 5% Syrah, 3% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot
Drinkability	Spring 2016-2026
Aging	47% new, 53% used French oak for 19 months
Alcohol	14.7%
Retail	\$40

