

# Matthews

## 2014 Claret

Matthews Claret is a consistent stunner and a "go-to" wine for many who enjoy Washington State's homage to the wines of Bordeaux. Utilizing a state of the art facility and selective blending of all five red Bordeaux varietals produces a classic wine that pairs equally well with haut cuisine or your backyard bbq.

With the Claret you get more complexity, more fruit, more texture 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.

### SELECT VINEYARDS

①	Columbia Valley AVA	Stillwater Creek, Dionysus, Bacchus, Weinbau
②	Red Mountain AVA	Bel'villa, Canyons, Hedges, Red Mountain
③	Walla Walla AVA	XL, Blue Mountain, Pepperbridge

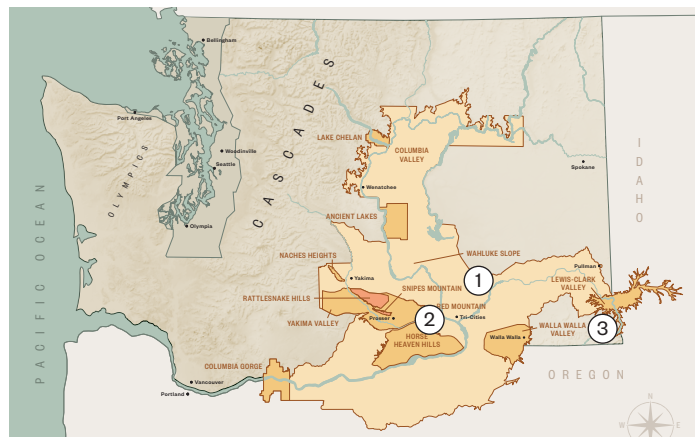
*"Cabernet Sauvignon (54%) takes the lead on this blend, followed by Merlot (23%), Cabernet Franc (13%), Malbec (6%) and Petit Verdot. Aromas of fresh herb, flower, pencil lead, cherry jam and spice lead to light tart, fresh fruit flavors. The tannins bring a bit of grip and dryness that hopefully smooths out with some additional time in the bottle but it has the stuffing to go the distance."*

- 91 POINTS, SEAN SULLIVAN, WINE ENTHUSIAST

We do the majority of our cluster sorting in the vineyard prior to harvest, which allows the fruit to arrive at the winery without need for much additional sorting. We also schedule our picks for the colder hours of the morning, to ensure the fruit arrives at the winery in the very best condition.

"Fresh and polished red and black fruits, hints of black tea and vanilla bean open the nose. Swirling adds blackberries, red and black currants and a penetrating floral note, reminiscent of a ripe blackberry bush. The palate is densely fruited with sleek tannins and a vibrant finish. Blackberry, plum skin, dark chocolate and some dried herbs carry all the way through. "

- ARYN MORELL, WINEMAKER



Production	3,410 Cases
Release Date	Spring 2017
Blend	54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec, 4% Petit Verdot
Vinification	53% Concrete Tanks, 43% Stainless Steel Tanks
Aging	21 Months in 55% New French Oak Barrels
Alcohol	14.8%
Retail	\$35