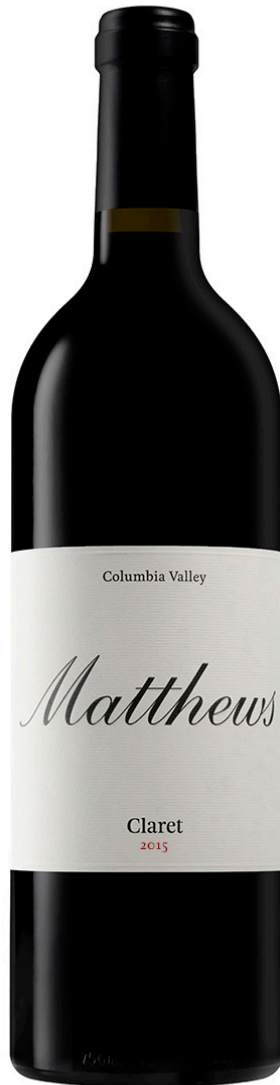


Matthews

2015 Claret



The 2015 Matthews Claret is a true "claret," containing all 5 red Bordeaux varietals, with 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 21% Cabernet Franc, 4% Malbec and 4% Petit Verdot. The blend is crafted using fruit from several different vineyards in 3 different AVAs. Blending varietals and vineyards allows this wine to be consistently reliable year after year.

2015 was a warm year, to be sure, but everything aligned in such a beautiful, synchronistic way, allowing the fruit to retain freshness despite high temperatures. Many favor this vintage as a truly great one for the Columbia Valley, producing wines with energy and vitality. We are excited about the balance captured in this vintage.

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.

"...Cassis, blueberries, leafy herbs, and liquid flower notes all emerge from this medium to full-bodied, lively, fresh, elegant blend that shines for its purity and sheer drinkability."

-91 points, Jeb Dunnuck, jebdunnuck.com

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	Blue Mountain, Pepper Bridge

Production	3,049 Cases
Release Date	Winter 2018
Blend	45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 21% Cabernet Franc, 4% Malbec, 4% Petit Verdot
Vinification	53% Concrete Tanks, 43% Stainless Steel Tanks
Aging	20 Months in 51% New French Oak Barrels
Alcohol	14.4%
Retail	\$34

