

# Matthews

## 2018 Claret



The 2018 Matthews Claret comes from several small vineyard parcels within four AVAs: Royal Slope, Columbia Valley, Walla Walla Valley, and Red Mountain.

Harvested by hand in the early morning between September 5th, 2018 - November 12th, 2018, it was then hand-sorted and fermented in the winery using both concrete and stainless steel tanks. The free-run wine was celledared in French oak. Evaluated over 40 times by our winemaking team, only 141 barrels were ultimately selected to be blended and finally bottled November 18, 2020.

*“Black currants, vanilla bean, hint of strawberry and plum skin. Swirling brings up blackberry, dark spice, and sandalwood. The palate is ripe and dense with great texture. Sweet muddled black fruits, some savory spice, super fine tannins, and a fresh lifted finish. It will age beautifully.”*

-Aryn Morell, Winemaker

### SELECT VINEYARDS

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|---|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| ① | Royal Slope AVA        | Stillwater Creek, Solaksen, Laura Lee, Scarline      |
| ② | Columbia Valley AVA    | Dionysus                                             |
| ③ | Walla Walla Valley AVA | Eritage, Pepper Bridge                               |
| ④ | Red Mountain AVA       | Hedges Family Estate, Canyons, Shaw 32, Quintessence |

Labeled AVA	Columbia Valley
Cases Produced	3,498
Varietal Composition	59% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot, 16% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot
Fermentation	A combination of concrete and stainless steel tanks
Aging	Aged in French oak barrels
Alcohol	14.6%
Drinkability	Now-2026
Retail	\$34

