

Matthews

2018 Reserve Cabernet Franc



The 2018 Matthews Reserve Cabernet Franc was crafted from several small vineyard parcels across four AVAs in Washington State: Columbia Valley, Red Mountain, Royal Slope and Walla Walla Valley. Farmed using sustainable practices, the vines were primarily limited to one cluster per shoot or three clusters per spur to create maximum concentration in each cluster. They were hand-harvested in the early fall mornings of 2018.

Upon arriving in the winery, each cluster was hand-sorted, berry-sorted, and then fermented in either stainless steel (68%) or concrete (32%) tanks. Using only the free-run wine, it was then moved to 88% custom French oak barrels for 26 months of cellaring with over 40 individual evaluations by our winemaking team. The resulting 17 barrels were bottled, without fining or filtration, on February 24, 2021, producing only 415 cases.

“Notes of black currants, red fruit, plum skin, graphite, and sweet baking spices. Swirling adds aromatics of bloomed spices, fresh plum purée, and dried herbs. The palate offers layered spice, black fruits, and a lifted floral note. Polished and structured with fine, accessible tannins, this wine showcases Washington State’s remarkable ability to develop Bordeaux varietals.”

- Bryan Otis, Proprietor

SELECT VINEYARDS

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| ① | Columbia Valley AVA | Bacchus, Dionysus |
| ② | Royal Slope AVA | Lawrence Solaksen, Stillwater Creek |
| ③ | Red Mountain AVA | Angela’s, Quintessence |
| ④ | Walla Walla Valley AVA | Blue Mountain, Eritage |

Labeled AVA	Columbia Valley
Cases Produced	415
Varietal Composition	87% Cabernet Franc, 12% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon
Fermentation	68% stainless steel and 32% concrete tanks
Aging	26 months in 88% new French oak
Alcohol	15.1%
Drinkability	Now-2036
Retail	\$80

