

# Matthews

## 2018 RESERVE MERLOT



The 2018 Matthews Reserve Merlot was crafted from small vineyard parcels within the Royal Slope, Red Mountain, Walla Walla Valley, and Columbia Valley AVAs. Farmed using sustainable practices, the vines were limited to one or two clusters per shoot to create maximum concentration in each cluster. The grapes were hand-harvested in the early mornings between September 12th and October 19th, 2018.

Upon arrival at the winery, each cluster was hand-sorted, berry-sorted, and fermented in a combination of concrete (54%) and stainless steel (46%) tanks. Using only the free-run wine, it was then moved to custom French oak barrels (100% new) for 26 months of cellaring with over 40 individual evaluations by our winemaking team. The resulting 14 barrels were bottled, without fining or filtration, on February 10th, 2021, producing only 341 cases.

*“Deep in color with aromatics of ripe raspberry, plum skin, currants, dried strawberry, herbs, caramelized sugar, and fresh roasted coffee. Great volume on the palate, with notes of fresh red fruits and incredibly tactile tannins. A wine with versatility and texture that only Washington State could produce.”*

*- Bryan Otis, Proprietor*

### SELECT VINEYARDS

- 1 Columbia Valley AVA Bacchus, Dionysus
- 2 Red Mountain AVA Angela's, Canyons, Hedges, Quintessence, Shaw 32
- 3 Royal Slope AVA Scarline, Solaksen, Stillwater Creek
- 4 Walla Walla Valley AVA Blue Mountain, Eritage

Labeled AVA	Columbia Valley
Case Production	341
Varietal Breakdown	90% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon
Fermentation	54% concrete, 46% stainless steel tanks
Aging	26 months in 100% new French oak
Alcohol	14.4%
Drinkability	Now - 2034
Retail	\$85

