

2019 PROTAGONIST CABERNET SAUVIGNON



SENSORY NOTES

At a first glance, this wine appears a deep purple with burgundy hues. The aromatics are layered and complex. Spiced plum, tanned leather, dried cherries, and pink peppercorn welcome you before taking the first sip. On the palate, you taste dark Bing cherry, blackberry, vanilla, tamarind, driftwood, and baking spice. Savory nuances add to the taste and compliment the fruit character. The finish is textured, powerful, grippy, and velvety. Overall this wine is bright and has many age-worthy qualities. We recommend laying this wine down a few years to see its progression over time, however, it is very tasty and drink-worthy now!

VINTAGE & WINEMAKING

The 2019 growing season was unique. Late winter weather left snow in the vineyard in February into March, delaying pruning and other vineyard work. This also contributed to greater soil moisture, increased canopy growth, and slightly delayed bud break and bloom. Summer temperatures were cooler and considerably more even than in recent years, with a notable lack of heat spikes. Overall, temperatures across the growing season were slightly above 20-year averages but were nowhere near as warm as the years that preceded it. A minor frost event at the end of September was followed by a series of larger, statewide frosts and freezes in early to mid-October. The fruit for this wine was picked before frost set in and was whole-berry harvested, then hand-sorted and destemmed at the winery. The juice spent 15 days on the grape skins while fermenting and extraction was closely monitored for exceptional flavor and texture to be achieved.



DRINKING WINDOW & SERVING

This wine has a drinking window of 5-8+ years when celled properly at 55F and will age beautifully.



FOOD PAIRINGS

We recommend serving this wine with grilled high-quality meats, braised mushrooms, or cured meats.

APPELLATIONS

Columbia Valley AVA
49% Dionysus Vineyard
26% Elephant Mountain Vineyard
25% Conner-Lee Vineyard

FINAL BLEND

80% Cabernet Sauvignon
15% Syrah
5% Petit Verdot

TECHNICAL DATA

Cases : 1,500 6/Packs
Bottled Summer 2021
Alcohol: 14.8%

pH: 3.8
TA: 5.6 g/L
RS: 0 g/L

AGING

Large format 100% French
Oak for 20 months



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