



2018 READERS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

COLUMBIA VALLEY A.V.A.

The dark black red color impresses and leads into the rich, brooding, ripe-fruit Cabernet nose. With classic French oak charm, the nose leads into a dense round and rich palate. Big flavors of blackberries and blueberries with creamy texture are balanced by oak. The generous tone holds your attention through the long finish. Coming from the old blocks of Conner Lee Vineyard and Sagemoor Vineyard mostly, this wine is filled with classical power and balance we've made for over 25 years. The long season which was cool into October harvest offered a full ripeness with fresh acids. The tannic texture is just right, allowing the wine to be great with food while being smooth able to age. Enjoy this wine now with your favorite meal and hold some back before it sells out. The reward for aging a few years is surprisingly good.

VINTAGE

In 2018 we received a generous harvest of fruit. The grapes were perfectly ripe and yielded intense color and suave tannins. This vintage yielded a volume and weight that matched our house style of rich and smooth age-worthy reds. We saw bud break and flowering early. Summer temperatures were hotter than average, with ten July and August days over 100°F. Verasion was early in August under good conditions, together hallmarks of great vintages. Our familiar old vine balancing acidity and sugar ripeness while keeping fruit from sunburn. September was ideal warm and dry. October's cool temperature picking weather was perfect.

WINEMAKING

This blend of Cabernets was handpicked in the morning of October 8th. We machine sorted and destemmed into small fermenters for hand mixing. These powerful wines fermented quickly with fermentation completed in barrels and puncheons. We aged on lees reductively, developing savory tones complimentary to the powerful fruit. After 20 months, we selected the final blend. We then filtered for purity and aging stability. With the addition of choice Syrah and Malbec for aromatic lift, the blend describes Cabernet at its most gorgeous vintage expression. This rich wine will age easily for decade or two and is enjoyable with a host of savory, full flavored foods throughout the range of seasons.

APPELLATIONS & VINEYARDS

Columbia Valley 100%
56% Conner Lee
20% Dionysus
20% Elephant Mountain
4% Diamond Back Ridge

FINAL BLEND

76% Cabernet Sauvignon
16% Syrah
8% Malbec

AGING

10% new French oak,
30% puncheon
70% barrel

CASES PRODUCED 817 12-pack cases/750mL

TECHNICAL DATA Bottled: Spring 2020 • Alcohol: 14.9% by volume • pH: 3.9 • TA: 5.5g/L • RS: 0.5

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