

THE
SOLDIER
C A B E R N E T S A U V I G N O N

2019

COLUMBIA VALLEY
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The Soldier is an alluring blend of fruit from esteemed sites in the Columbia Valley AVA, including the sub-AVAs of Walla Walla Valley and Red Mountain. As the name suggests, this wine can be counted on to consistently deliver on its promise. Enjoy complex flavor, high quality and exceptional value. The Soldier is authentically produced and meticulously crafted to exacting standards, made with dedication and care.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of dark fruit – black plum, black currant, black cherry – greet the nose, accented by violet, orange rind, leather, cocoa, clove, vanilla and honey. A full, nicely balanced palate features flavors of plum, cassis, cedar and toasted oak. Lingering dark fruit pairs wonderfully with the acidity and alcohol, finishing with complex layers of flavors and notes from barrel aging.

WINEMAKING PROCESS

Whole clusters are destemmed and cold soaked for 48 hours with daily pump overs. Fermentation is in stainless steel open-top tanks with daily punch downs. For optimum flavor and tannin profile, the wine underwent délestage, also known as rack and return, followed by extended maceration. Aged 24 months on French and American oak, 35% new.

VINTAGE NOTES

Snow in the vineyard in February into March delayed pruning and slightly delayed bud break and bloom. Summer temperatures were cooler than in recent years, with a notable lack of heat spikes. Overall temperatures across the season were slightly above 20-year averages but not as warm as previous years. Harvest began for sparkling wines in late August and for white and early red varieties in early September, close to historical averages. Cooler September temperatures delayed picking for many. A minor frost event in late September was followed by a series of larger statewide frosts and freezes in October. Some growers had already picked their grapes while others left some fruit on the vine. Tonnage was lower but quality was high.

Varietals: 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc

Vineyards: 25% Quintessence, 25% Alder Ridge, 22% Seven Hills, 19% Weinbau, 9% Bacchus

AVA: Columbia Valley

Alcohol: 14.5%

