



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

2021

COLUMBIA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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

TASTING NOTES

A deep crimson in the glass, the wine begins with a deliciously jammy nose of dark berry fruit such as marionberry and boysenberry, joined by sweet notes of lilac, rose, anise, cedar chest and tobacco. On the palate the wine is flavorful and succulent, framed by a graceful balance of fruit, silky tannins and acidity. A velvety softness continues through the finish.

WINEMAKING PROCESS

Whole clusters were destemmed and cold soaked for 48 hours with daily pump overs. Fermentation was in stainless steel open top tanks with daily punch downs. For optimum flavor, the wine underwent délestage, also known as rack and return, followed by extended maceration. Aged 24 months in French and American oak, 36% new.

VINTAGE NOTES

2021 was a warm growing season in the Columbia Valley. Bud break began in early April, ahead of historical averages, followed by bloom in the third week of May. The signature event of the year came at the end of June, when a heat dome descended upon the region, shattering temperature records with four straight days of temperatures as high as 118°F. The rest of the growing season continued to be warm; 2021 is considered to be either the warmest or second-warmest vintage on record behind 2015. Temperatures cooled down in September and October, allowing for extended hang time. While berries and clusters were smaller due to timing of the extreme heat, quality was high.

Varietals: 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc, 11% Merlot
Vineyards: 40% Weinbau, 23% Coyote Canyon, 18% Quintessence, 12% Bacchus, 7% Cottonwood
AVA: Columbia Valley
Alcohol: 14.5%