



TA: 0.55 g/100mL

PH: 3.85

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

BLEND: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

CASE PRODUCTION:

709

COLUMBIA VALLEY

2018 Rich Wheeler Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE NOTES

- 2018 was another stellar growing season and vintage in Washington.
- Warm spring temperatures were followed by mild conditions throughout the growing season allowing for extended hang time and flavor development.
- Warm fall days allowed for full ripeness and color, while cool Washington nights helped maintain crisp natural acidity.

VINEYARD NOTES

- Columbia Valley vineyards lie in the rain shadow of the Cascade Mountains and receive just 6-8 inches of rainfall annually.
- Warm, sunny days and cool evenings create ideal conditions for aroma and flavor development in the ripening grapes.
- A northerly latitude gives the Columbia Valley nearly two more hours of sunlight daily during the peak-growing season than California.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- Ripe grapes were destemmed and sorted with a cutting-edge grape receiving and sorting system designed to gently remove any green material.
- Daily gentle pumpovers were used to extract optimal flavor and color and minimize harsh tannins.
- Aged for 18 months in 12% new French oak, 15% new American oak, and 73% old French oak.

TASTING NOTES

Cold Creek Vineyard is where I spent my formative years learning about growing grapes. It was an honor to have a young block of Cabernet dedicated to me upon my retirement. The wine from "my block" showcases vibrant ripe berries, violets and a long, rich finish. - Rich Wheeler Vice President of Vineyards (Retired)