

Matthews

2016 Claret



The 2016 Matthews Claret was crafted from several vineyards in Washington State located in the Columbia Valley, Red Mountain, and Walla Walla Valley appellations. Each vineyard uses sustainable farming methods. The vineyards were hand-harvested early in the morning between September - October 2016.

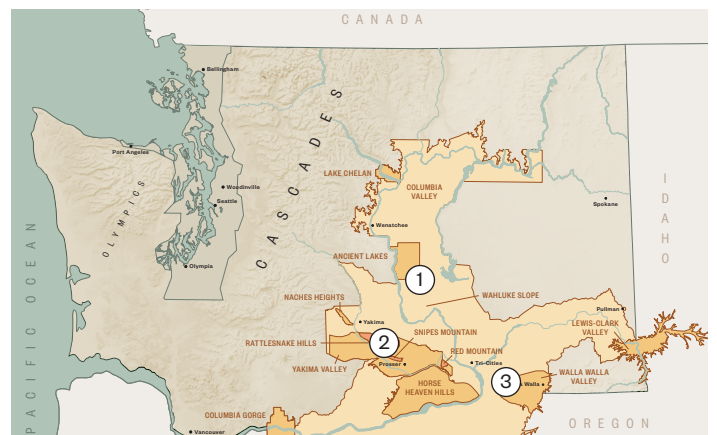
Upon arriving in the winery, each vineyard lot was hand-sorted, de-stemmed and fermented in small concrete and stainless-steel tanks. The wine was celledared in French oak (45% new) for 20 months, evaluated over 40 times by our winemaking team, and finally blended together in July 2018. Only 102 barrels were used in creating the 2016 Claret.

"A Claret-style blend, this contains 45 percent Cabernet Sauvignon and 32 percent Merlot, the balance Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec. It's well-oaked, and yet some of the Valley's savory markers show through, like the notes of cedar, tobacco leaf and sundried tomato. It's generous in flavor, yet the wine's lively acidity and savory sandalwood grip of tannins makes it feel light and lean."

92 points, Patrick J. Comiskey, Wine + Spirits Magazine

SELECT VINEYARDS

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| ① | Columbia Valley AVA | Stillwater Creek, Dionysus, Bacchus |
| ② | Red Mountain AVA | Canyons, Hedges Family Estate, Red Mountain, Quintessence, Angela's |
| ③ | Walla Walla AVA | Blue Mountain, Pepper Bridge |



Case Production	2,235
Varietal Breakdown	45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 17% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec
Fermentation	32% concrete, 68% stainless-steel
Aging	20 Months in 45% new French oak barrels
Alcohol	14.5%
Drinkability	Now-2029
Retail	\$34