

Matthews

2017 Claret



The 2017 Matthews Claret comes from several small vineyard parcels within three AVA's: Red Mountain, Walla Walla Valley, and the Columbia Valley. Harvested by hand in the early morning between September 8th - October 31st. It was hand-sorted and fermented in the winery using both stainless steel (70%) and Concrete tanks (30%). The free-run wine was cellared in new French oak (45% new) for 18 months. Evaluated over 40 times by our winemaking team, only 81 barrels were ultimately selected to be blended, and finally bottled on April, 22nd, 2019.

"Lots of crushed blueberries with chocolate and hints of vanilla. Medium to full body. Creamy tannins. Flavorful finish. Opulent, yummy and plush. Drink or hold."

-91 points, James Suckling, jamesuckling.com

SELECT VINEYARDS

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| ① Columbia Valley AVA | Stillwater Creek, Lawrence Solaksen, Lawrence Scarline, Dionysus, Bacchus |
| ② Red Mountain AVA | Hedges Family Estate, Red Mountain Vineyard, Angelas, Quintessence, Shaw 32, Canyons |
| ③ Walla Walla Valley AVA | Pepper Bridge |

Labeled AVA	Columbia Valley
Cases Produced	1,990
Varietal Composition	54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, 4% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot
Fermentation	70% stainless steel, 30% concrete tanks
Aging	18 months in 45% New French oak barrels
Alcohol	14.3%
Drinkability	Now-2025
Retail	\$34

