

# Matthews

2017 Cuvée



The 2017 Cuvée was crafted from several vineyards across both the Columbia Valley and Walla Walla Valley AVAs. Farmed using sustainable practices, they were hand-harvested in the early mornings of October with the final day of picking October 17th.

Upon arriving in the winery, each cluster was hand-sorted, berry-sorted, and then fermented in either stainless steel (64%) or concrete (36%) tanks. Using only the free-run wine, it was then moved to French oak barrels (28% new) for 16 months of cellaring with over 40 individual evaluations by our winemaking team. The resulting 25 barrels were bottled, without fining or filtration, on February 26th, 2019, producing only 617 cases.

*“Bright medium-deep ruby. Enticing, lively aromas of raspberry and rose petal. Silky and seamless on the palate, with its raspberry and floral flavors showing good inner-mouth tension and a sexy touch of smoky new oak. Offers a nice combination of substance and inner-mouth lift. Finishes with well-managed tannins and a repeating note of smokiness. This dry, well-balanced wine displays impressive drive for twenty-five bucks and practically begs for food.”*

-90 points, Stephen Tanzer, *Vinous*

Labeled AVA	Columbia Valley
Cases Produced	617
Varietal Breakdown	49% Merlot, 31% Cabernet Franc, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon
Fermentation	64% stainless steel and 36% concrete tanks
Aging	16 months in 28% new French oak
Alcohol	14.2%
Drinkability	Now - 2025
Retail	\$29

## SELECT VINEYARDS

- 1 Columbia Valley AVA Stillwater Creek, Lawrence Solaksen, Lawrence Scarline
- 2 Walla Walla Valley AVA Pepper Bridge Vineyard

