

Matthews

2017 Reserve Claret



The 2017 Matthews Reserve Claret was crafted from several small vineyard parcels across two separate AVAs in Washington State: Columbia Valley and Red Mountain. Farmed using sustainable practices, the vines were limited to one cluster per shoot or three clusters per spur to create maximum concentration in each cluster. They were hand-harvested in the early morning between September 8 - October 28.

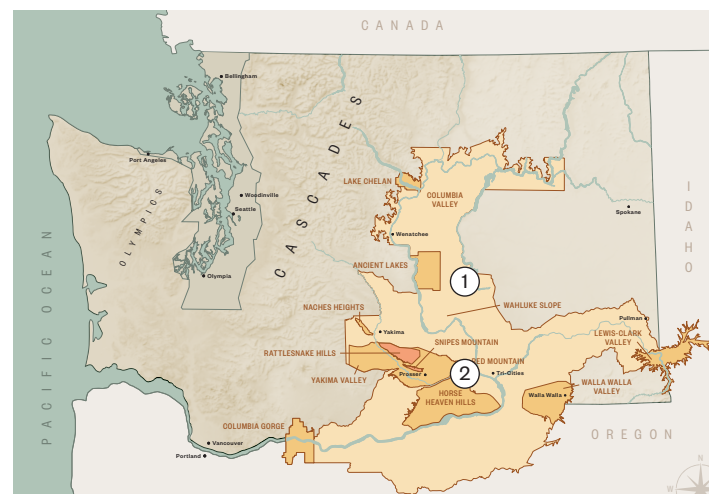
Upon arriving in the winery, each cluster was hand-sorted, berry-sorted, and then fermented in either stainless steel (70%) or concrete (30%) tanks. Using only the free run wine, it was then moved to custom French oak barrels (89% new) for 30 months of cellaring with over 40 individual evaluations by our winemaking team. The resulting 18 barrels were bottled, without fining or filtration, on April 8, 2019, producing only 445 cases.

“One of the flagship releases here is the 2017 Reserve Claret, which is based on 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Not yet bottled, this deep ruby/purple-hued beauty boasts rocking crème de cassis and black raspberry fruits, notes of spice box and chocolate, medium to full body, and silky, polished tannins that emerge on the finish. It’s another impeccably made, seamless, gorgeous wine from this estate.”

-95+ points, Jeb Dunnuck, jebdunnuck.com

SELECT VINEYARDS

- ① Columbia Valley AVA Bacchus, Dionysus, Stillwater Creek
- ② Red Mountain AVA Canyons, Shaw 32, Quintessence, Hedges Estate



Labeled AVA	Columbia Valley
Cases Produced	445
Varietal Composition	83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot
Fermentation	70% stainless steel and 30% concrete tanks
Aging	30 months in 89% new French oak
Alcohol	14.5%
Drinkability	Now-2037
Retail	\$85