

Matthews

2017 Reserve Merlot



The 2017 Reserve Merlot was crafted from five small vineyard parcels inside the Columbia Valley AVA, three vineyards on Red Mountain and two along the Royal Slope. Farmed using sustainable practices, the vines were limited to one-two clusters per shoot to create maximum concentration in each cluster. They were hand-harvested in the early mornings between September 8th - October 4th, 2017.

Upon arriving in the winery, each cluster was hand-sorted, berry-sorted, and fermented in a combination of concrete (73%) and stainless steel (27%) tanks. Using only the free-run wine, it was then moved to custom French oak barrels (94% new) for 23 months of cellaring with over 40 individual evaluations by our winemaking team. After this time, only 17 barrels were selected and bottled (unfined and unfiltered), producing 412 cases.

“Deep ruby/purple-colored, with medium to full-bodied notes of spring flowers, raspberries, candied orange, and spice, it’s elegant, balanced, and has a light, juicy, already delicious style. It should evolve gracefully for 10-12 years or more.”

-92 points, Jeb Dunnuck, jebdunnuck.com

Labeled AVA	Columbia Valley
Case Production	412
Varietal Breakdown	94% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon
Fermentation	73% concrete, 27% stainless steel
Aging	23 months in 94% new French oak
Alcohol	14.7%
Drinkability	Now - 2031
Retail	\$80

SELECT VINEYARDS

- 1 Columbia Valley AVA Dionysus, Stillwater Creek
- 2 Red Mountain AVA Hedges Family Estate, Red Mountain Vineyard, Angela's Vineyard

