

Matthews

2018 Claret



The 2018 Matthews Claret comes from several small vineyard parcels within four AVAs: Royal Slope, Columbia Valley, Walla Walla Valley, and Red Mountain.

Harvested by hand in the early morning between September 5th, 2018 - November 12th, 2018, it was then hand-sorted and fermented in the winery using both concrete and stainless steel tanks. The free-run wine was celledared in French oak. Evaluated over 40 times by our winemaking team, only 141 barrels were ultimately selected to be blended and finally bottled November 18, 2020.

“Chocolatey red and black fruits, iron, leafy herbs, and graphite notes are just some of its nuances, and it has good ripeness while not being over the top. Medium to full-bodied on the palate, it has plenty of mid-palate depth, ripe, building tannins, and good sense of freshness, all making for a solid, outstanding Bordeaux blend to enjoy any time over the coming 15 years or so.”

- 92 points, Jeb Dunnuck, jebdunnuck.com

SELECT VINEYARDS

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| ① | Royal Slope AVA | Stillwater Creek, Solaksen, Laura Lee, Scarline |
| ② | Columbia Valley AVA | Dionysus |
| ③ | Walla Walla Valley AVA | Eritage, Pepper Bridge |
| ④ | Red Mountain AVA | Hedges Family Estate, Canyons, Shaw 32, Quintessence |

Labeled AVA	Columbia Valley
Cases Produced	3,498
Varietal Composition	59% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot, 16% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot
Fermentation	A combination of concrete and stainless steel tanks
Aging	Aged in French oak barrels
Alcohol	14.6%
Drinkability	Now-2026
Retail	\$34

