

Matthews

2019 CLARET



The 2019 Matthews Claret comes from several small vineyard parcels within three AVAs: Royal Slope, Columbia Valley, and Red Mountain. Harvested by hand in the early fall mornings 2019, it was then hand-sorted and fermented in the winery using both concrete and stainless steel tanks. The free-run wine was celled in French oak for 21 months. Evaluated over 40 times by the winemaking team, only 67 barrels were ultimately selected to be blended, and finally bottled in July 2021.

“Aromas of plum, black cherry and redcurrant. Full-bodied with silky tannins. Bright acidity helps to drive the palate with lots of juicy black fruit and herbal complexity. Lingering finish. 46% cabernet sauvignon, 40% merlot, 10% cabernet franc, 2% malbec and 2% petit verdot. Drink or hold.”

- 92 points, James Suckling, [jamessuckling.com](https://www.jamessuckling.com)

SELECT VINEYARDS

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| ① Columbia Valley | Dionysus, Bacchus |
| ② Red Mountain | Quintessence, Hedges Estate, Angela's |
| ③ Royal Slope | Laura Lee, Scarline, Solaksen, Stillwater Creek |

Labeled AVA	Columbia Valley
Varietal	46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot
Fermentation	54% concrete, 46% stainless steel
Aging	21 months in new French oak
Alcohol	14.6%
Case Production	1,488
Drinkability	Now-2033
Retail	\$34

