Matthews 2019 CUVÉE



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Labeled AVA Columbia Valley 64% Merlot, 21% Cabernet Sauvignon, Varietal Composition 12% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec Fermentation Combination of concrete and stainless steel tanks 21 months in 60% new French oak barrels Aging Alcohol 14.6% **Case Production** 1,401 Drinkability Now - 2029 \$34 Retail

The 2019 Cuvée was crafted from several vineyards across the Columbia Valley, Royal Slope and Red Mountain AVAs. Farmed using sustainable practices, they were hand-harvested in the early mornings September 6 - November 2, 2019. Upon arriving in the winery, each cluster was hand-sorted, berry-sorted, and then fermented in either concrete or stainless-steel tanks. Using only the free-run wine, it was then moved to French oak barrels (60% new) for 21 months of cellaring. The resulting 58 barrels were bottled, without fining or filtration, in October 2021, producing only 1,401 cases.

"Aromas of grilled plum, nutmeg and crushed sage. Fullbodied with soft tannins and mineral character. Sharp acidity and wet stone brighten the red and black fruit. 64% merlot, 21% cabernet sauvignon, 12% cabernet franc, 2% petit verdot and 1% malbec. Drink now."

- 90 points, James Suckling, jamessuckling.com

(1)Columbia Valley Dionysus Canyons, Quintessence, Hedges Family Estate, **Red Mountain** (2) **Red Mountain Royal Slope** Scarline, Solaksen, Stillwater Creek

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