



2019 RESERVE MERLOT

The 2019 Matthews Reserve Merlot was crafted from several vineyards across four separate AVAs in Washington State: Red Mountain, Columbia Valley, Royal Slope and the Walla Walla Valley. Farmed using sustainable practices, the vines were limited to one or two clusters per shoot for maximum concentration. They were then hand-harvested in the early mornings of September 6th – October 3rd, 2019. Upon arriving in the winery, each cluster was hand-sorted, berry-sorted, and then fermented in 61% concrete 39% stainless steel. Using only the free-run wine, it was then moved to custom French oak barrels for 25 months of cellaring. The resulting 26 barrels were bottled, without fining or filtration, producing only 432 cases.

“The 2019 Matthews Reserve Merlot shows a deep ruby to purple hue with aromas of black cherry and red fruits such as pomegranate, bright red cherries, and raspberry compote. The primary fruit aromas are followed by savory herbs, conditioned leather and cobblestones. On the palate, the red fruit expression continues with red currants and red plum, mingled with bramble fruits, cola, candied walnut, blood orange zest and beef au jus. The wine is medium bodied with subtle acidity. The broad tannins on the front of the palate resolve toward the finish. The texture on the finish is finessed, showing more red and black fruits, and a redolent floral quality.”

— Bryan Otis, Proprietor

DETAILS

Labeled AVA	Columbia Valley
Varietal Composition	97% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon
Fermentation	61% concrete, 39% stainless steel
Aging	25 months in 100% new French oak
Alcohol	15.1%
Case Production	432
Drinkability	Now–2036
Retail	\$90

VINEYARDS

Columbia Valley AVA	Dionysus, Bacchus
Red Mountain AVA	Hedges Estate, Angela's, Canyons, Shaw, Quintessence
Royal Slope AVA	Stillwater Creek, Solaksen
Walla Walla Valley AVA	Blue Mountain, Pepper Bridge

