

Matthews

2020 COLUMBIA VALLEY CLARET

The 2020 Matthews Claret comes from several small vineyard parcels within Columbia Valley, namely key sites on Horse Heaven Hills, White Bluffs and the Royal Slope. Harvested in the early fall mornings of 2020, it was sorted and fermented in the winery using both concrete and stainless steel tanks. The wine was celled in French oak barrels for an average of 18 months. Carefully blended by the winemaking team, only 193 barrels were selected, and finally bottled in May of 2022.

“This is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (35%), Merlot (34%) and Cabernet Franc (27%), along with bits of Petit Verdot and Malbec. With fruit coming from Horse Heaven Hills, White Bluffs, Wahluke Slope and Royal Slope, appealing aromas of green pepper, herb and fresh black fruit lead to ripe, polished, pure, decadent black-fruit flavors. It shows a lot of intensity and richness. Chocolate notes linger on the very long finish. It’s flat-out delicious and an outrageous value to boot.”

93 POINTS, SEAN SULLIVAN, WINE ENTHUSIAST



SELECT VINEYARDS

1	Horse Heaven Hills	Champoux, McNary
2	Columbia Valley	Beverly, Conner Lee
3	Royal Slope	Solaksen, Stillwater Creek
4	White Bluffs	Bacchus, Dionysus,

AVA	Columbia Valley
Varietals	35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 27% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec
Fermentation	100% Stainless Steel
Aging	18 months in French oak
Alcohol	14.6%
Cases	4,796
Best Between	Now - 2032
Retail	\$34

