

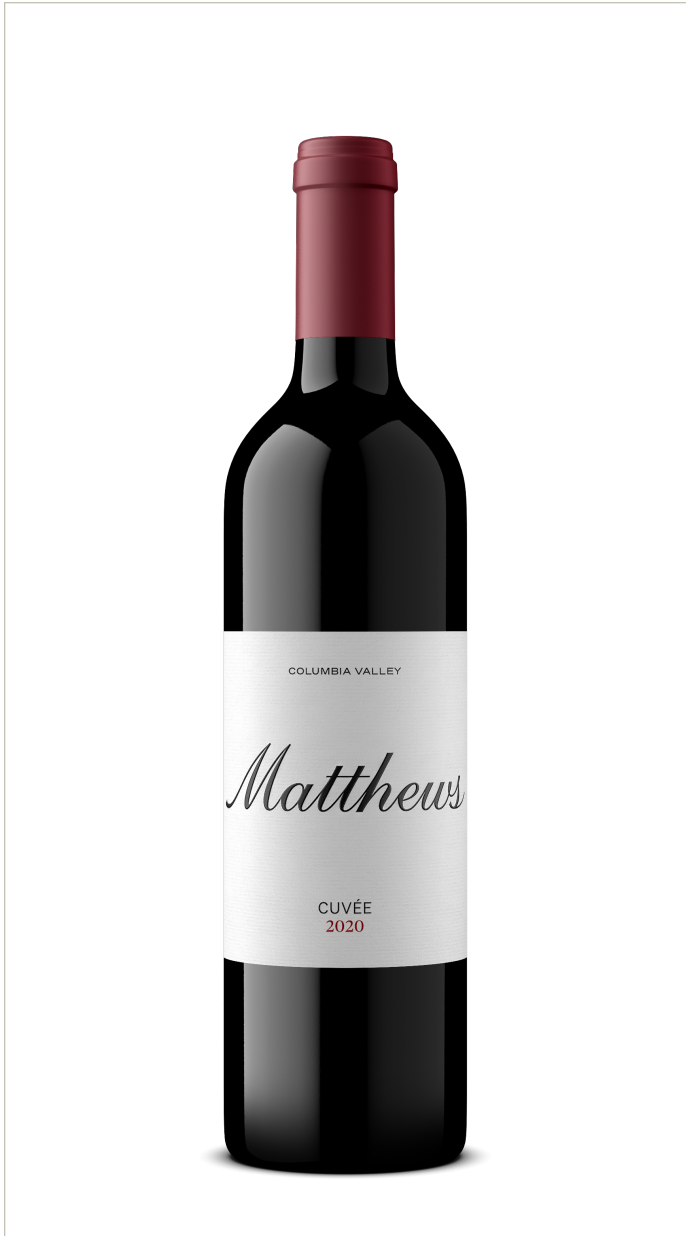
Matthews

2020 COLUMBIA VALLEY CUVÉE

The 2020 Matthews Cuvée comes from several small vineyard parcels within Columbia Valley, namely key sites in 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 cellared in French oak barrels for an average of 18 months. Carefully blended by the winemaking team, only 20 barrels were selected, and finally bottled in May of 2022.

“Deep purple in color, the 2020 Cuvée by Matthews is a killer wine and a great value. Coming in at 80% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec and 5% Petit Verdot, the last three components play a bigger role than their composition suggests. Aromas of cherry and oak are present and are followed by an elegant mouthfeel comprised of fine, velvety and settled tannins. Black cherry, blueberry, smokey bramble and mildly bittersweet cocoa all play nicely together in a balanced manner. The softness of the Merlot allows for an elegant and mouth coating finish. This may need a year or two of cellaring to show its best stuff but should smoothly sail for 15 years after that. This wine punches way above its weight, you don’t want to miss it.”

94 POINTS, ROB GERESI, INTERNATIONAL WINE REPORT



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

AVA	Columbia Valley
Varietals	80% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot
Fermentation	100% Stainless Steel
Aging	18 months in French oak
Alcohol	14.6%
Cases	500
Best Between	Now - 2032
Retail	\$34

