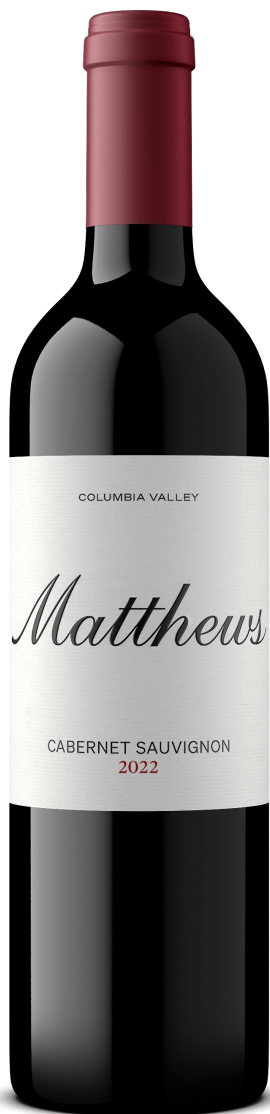


Matthews

2022 COLUMBIA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



The 2021 Matthews Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is comprised of several small vineyard parcels within the greater Columbia Valley, with key vineyard sites in Horse Heaven Hills, Red Mountain, and Royal Slope AVA's as well as the famed Conner Lee Vineyard. This wine truly represents the broad flavor and aromatic expressions of Cabernet Sauvignon from the diverse terroirs of Washington State.

Our new winemaking team worked with our vineyard managers to update our viticultural practices, reducing yields (on average) by 30% for each site. These restricted yields created small, concentrated berries. Further vineyard dedication meant we were able to harvest between 3-6 weeks later than previous vintages. This allowed each site to fully develop the proper ripeness and flavor profile we were looking for.

Each vineyard was hand-harvested in the early mornings between late September & late October, culminating on November 1st for our last pick. Upon arriving at the winery, each vineyard parcel was hand-sorted, de-stemmed, and berry-sorted. The grapes were placed in tank and cold soaked for 2 days, before undergoing a 14 day fermentation and an additional 14 days of extended maceration, for a total of 32 days in tank for maximum phenolic extraction and integrated, polished tannins. The wine was cellared for 26 months in new French oak (40%) and used French oak (60%). In the spring of 2023, we selected 400 barrels to be carefully selected and blended. The wine was bottled in January 2025, producing only 9,994 cases.

Eleven separate clones were included in the final blend (Cabernet Sauvignon: 8, 191, 4, 2, 6, 21, 31 Merlot: 2, 15 Cabernet Franc: 214, 327).

“With sourcing from Royal Slope, Red Mountain and HHH, this is truly a Columbia Valley presentation; the regions are about 1/3 each. There’s some old vine fruit here, and it’s got tremendous savoury depth, elegance and a touch of austerity as herbaceous character and minerality. Elegance abounds, black fruits and spice finish, but there’s great acidity to bring in the finish.”

95 POINTS, CLIVE PURSEHOUSE, DECANTER

“This tangy delight fires a shot across the bow with its aromas of pomegranate seeds, boysenberries and saline. A blaze of acidity lights the palate as flavors of dark plums, fig paste, orange zest, clove and Turkish coffee do a jitterbug on the palate.”

94 POINTS, EDITOR'S CHOICE, MICHAEL ALBERTY, WINE ENTHUSIAST

SELECT VINEYARDS

1	Columbia Valley	Conner Lee
2	Royal Slope	Solaksen
3	Horse Heaven Hills	Eagle & Plow, Wallula Gap, Cavalie, Spice Cabinet

AVA	Columbia Valley
Varietals	94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc
Fermentation	Fermented in stainless steel
Aging	Cellared for 26 months
Alcohol	14.9%
Cases	9,994
Best Between	Now – 2036
Retail	\$50

