

Matthews

2020 RESERVE MERLOT

The 2020 Matthews Reserve Merlot was crafted from several vineyards across 3 separate AVAs: Horse Heaven Hills, Columbia Valley, and White Bluffs. Farmed using sustainable practices, the vines were limited to one or two clusters per shoot for maximum concentration.

They were hand-harvested in the early mornings between September and October 2020. Upon arriving in the winery, the fruit was cluster-sorted, berry-sorted, and then fermented in a combination of stainless steel (89%) and barrel (11%).

The free-run wine was then celledared for 21 months in new French oak barrels. Only 18 of our highest-grade barrels were selected and bottled in July 2022, producing only 415 cases.

“Big, ripe and focused, the 2020 Merlot Reserve Columbia Valley...presents a juicy interplay of red and dark fruits alongside balanced oak and dusty red florals. This full-bodied wine is complex and layered, offering a fresh, long-lasting, food-friendly finish. Aged for 21 months in 100% new French oak barrels, this wine, promises remarkable depth and richness that will evolve beautifully over time. Nicely done.”

**94 POINTS, ANTHONY MUELLER,
ROBERT PARKER WINE ADVOCATE**



SELECT VINEYARDS		
1	Columbia Valley AVA	Conner Lee
2	White Bluffs AVA	Dionysus
3	Horse Heaven Hills AVA	Champoux

AVA	Columbia Valley
Varietals	89% Merlot, 6% Malbec, 5% Cabernet Franc
Fermentation	89% stainless steel, 11% French oak barrel
Aging	21 months in 100% new French oak
Alcohol	14.7%
Cases	415
Best Between	Now - 2040
Retail	\$120

