

Matthews

2021 RESERVE CABERNET FRANC



The 2021 Matthews Reserve Cabernet Franc is comprised of several vineyard parcels within the greater Columbia Valley. Key sites are Red Mountain, Royal Slope, and White Bluffs AVAs, as well as Conner Lee vineyard. This wine truly represents the broad flavor and aromatic expressions of Bordeaux varietals from the diverse terroirs of Washington State. The winemaking team worked with vineyard managers to restrict yields, creating small, concentrated berries. Cool fall nights preserved freshness in the wine while continuing flavor development. Hand-harvesting took place in the early mornings in October.

Once arriving in the winery, the fruit was cluster-sorted, de-stemmed, and berry-sorted. The grapes were placed in tank and cold soaked for two days, before a 14-day fermentation along with 14 extra days of extended maceration, making it a total of 32 days in tank for maximum extraction.

The free run wine was barreled down into varying formats of 100% new French oak and celled for 21 months. In the Spring of 2023, 20 carefully selected barrels were blended and in July 2023 bottled (unfined and unfiltered), producing only 503 cases.

“The 2021 Reserve Cabernet Franc from Matthews is celled in 100% new French oak for 21 months and displays a brooding, deep, ruby-purple core with a light red rim... Dark strawberries, black raspberries, crushed stones, green peppercorn, baking spice, and wet leaves aromas dominate the nose and the palate. Smooth but present tannins complement the excellent backbone and structure on the mid-palate... Highly recommended”

-96 POINTS, JEREMY YOUNG, INTERNATIONAL WINE REPORT

“The sensational 2021 Matthews ‘Reserve’ Cabernet Franc will quite frankly rival anything of its kind from Washington or California. It is a sensational, elegant effort that is already drinking beautifully. The wine displays a fantastic herbal character alongside the massive more of dark chocolate and heady dark fruits. This is a wow-factor, heavy hitter of a wine that is a must-purchase for any lover of Cabernet Franc”

-96 POINTS, OWEN BARGREEN, OWENBARGREEN.COM

SELECT VINEYARDS

1	Royal Slope AVA	Solaksen, Stoneridge
2	Columbia Valley AVA	Conner Lee
3	White Bluffs AVA	Bacchus
4	Red Mountain AVA	Quintessence, Red Mountain Vineyard, Angelas Vineyard

AVA	Columbia Valley
Varietals	83% Cabernet Franc, 12% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon
Fermentation	Each parcel was hand-sorted from the vineyard, with gentle fermentation and extended maceration culminating over 30+ days.
Aging	Celled in 100% new French oak for 21 months
Alcohol	15.2 %
Cases	503
Best Between	Now – 2040
Retail	\$ 185

