

Matthews

2021 RESERVE CUVÉE



The 2021 Matthews Reserve Cuvée is comprised of several vineyard parcels within the greater Columbia Valley. Key sites are from Horse Heaven Hills, Royal Slope, Red Mountain, 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 throughout October.

Once arriving at 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 cellared for 21 months. In the Spring of 2023, 20 carefully selected barrels were blended and in July 2023 bottled (unfined and unfiltered), producing only 465 cases.

Seven separate clones were included in the final blend (Merlot: 2, 3, 6 Cabernet Franc: 1, 214, 327 Cabernet Sauvignon: 8).

“A touch fresher on the nose than its siblings, it offers refreshing notes of boysenberries, black currant, sweet vanilla, dried thyme, wet earth, and crushed toasted green peppercorns. Sweet present tannins are integrating nicely into the backbone of the wine and pair perfectly with the balanced, mouthwatering acidity. Lots of cellar potential with this one. Highly recommended and editor’s choice.”

-97 POINTS, JEREMY YOUNG, INTERNATIONAL WINE REPORT

“Blueberries, violets, graphite and potting soil make a dazzling first impression. The Merlot and Cabernet Franc-driven blend makes friends for life with its juicy acidity, fine-grained tannins and blackberry pastille, coffee, dark chocolate and nutmeg flavors. Save this wine for proposals, business and otherwise.”

-95 POINTS, MICHAEL ALBERTY, WINE ENTHUSIAST

SELECT VINEYARDS

1	Royal Slope AVA	Solaksen
2	Columbia Valley AVA	Conner Lee
3	White Bluffs AVA	Dionysus, Bacchus
4	Red Mountain AVA	Red Mountain Vineyard, Quintessence
5	Horse Heaven Hills AVA	Wallula Gap

AVA	Columbia Valley
Varietals	50% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon
Fermentation	Each parcel was hand-sorted from the vineyard, with gentle fermentation and extended maceration culminating over 30+ days
Aging	Cellared in 100% new French oak for 21 months
Alcohol	15.1%
Cases	465
Best Between	Now – 2040
Retail	\$195

