

Matthews

2021 RESERVE CLARET



The 2021 Matthews Reserve Claret is comprised of several vineyard parcels within the greater Columbia Valley. Key sites are from Red Mountain AVA as well as Horse Heaven Hills, allowing this wine to truly represent the broad flavor and aromatic expressions of Bordeaux inspired wines 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 a sense of freshness in the wine while continuing flavor development. Hand-harvesting took place in the early mornings in October.

At the winery, the fruit was cluster sorted, destemmed and berry sorted. The wine spent 30+ days on skins for extended maceration before being barreled down into varying formats of 100% new French oak. The wine was cellared for 21 months with 20 barrels being selected and carefully blended. The wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered to ensure the wine in bottle is pure, vibrant, and intense, producing only 490 cases.

"My favorite of the 2021 Matthews lineup, the gorgeous, decadent, and brooding ... deep, focused, ruby-purple core is in contrast with its neon ruby rim and exhibits what is to come. Bountiful aromas of black and red fruits meld with notes of dried rose, red plum skins, black currants, cedary herbs, and grated clove that sits perfectly on the back palate. Perfectly balanced between the crunchy, sweet tannins and elevated acidity, it's very polished with a near-perfect structure. Enjoy this one in a couple of years and then over the next 15 or more"

-97 POINTS, JEREMY YOUNG, INTERNATIONAL WINE REPORT

"... the 2021 Reserve Claret... stands out as a masterclass among its peers... The wine bursts with juicy, firm and fresh characteristics, displaying layers of complexity that culminate in a long, succulent finish. Bravo. Don't miss the chance to experience this extraordinary American Claret, produced in limited quantities... It was aged for 21 months in 100% new French Oak, contributing to its depth and sophistication. Give this a try; you won't be disappointed."

-96+ POINTS, ANTHONY MUELLER, ROBERT PARKER WINE ADVOCATE

SELECT VINEYARDS

Columbia Valley AVA	Conner Lee
White Bluffs AVA	Bacchus
Red Mountain AVA	Shaw, Quintessence, Canyons, Red Mountain Vineyard
Horse Heaven Hills AVA	Wallula Gap, Phinny Hill

AVA	Columbia Valley
Varietals	70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc
Fermentation	Fermented for 10-14 days in Stainless Steel tanks, with 30+ days of extended maceration.
Aging	Aged 21 months in 100% new French oak.
Alcohol	15.1 %
Cases	490
Retail	\$ 98

