

Matthews

Established in 1993, Matthews Winery is located in the heart of the Woodinville Wine Country. The boutique winery is owned by one local family and focuses on maintaining production of Bordeaux style and single varietal vineyard designated wines, using grapes grown in Washington State from vineyards that have experience and respect for nature and it's soil. The winery and winemaker, Aryn Morell, believe that there is a deep and tangible link between the vines, hills, winegrowers and winemakers, and carries this proof of affinity into every aspect of winemaking: from the vineyard to the cellar, from the vine to the wine bottle.

2010 MATTHEWS CLARET

“Red currants, dried strawberry, plum skin and vanilla bean mixed with dark spices. A swirl brings up plum jam, strawberries and a light caramel spice. The palate is long and incredibly polished with some dark spice resonating and freshness and fine tannin keeping the wine taut and focused. This is probably the most age worthy Claret we have produced to date.”

— Aryn Morell, Winemaker

VINEYARDS	STILLWATER CREEK, TWO BLONDES, WEINBAU, DIONYSUS, BACCHUS, BLUE MOUNTAIN, PEPPERBRIDGE
VARIETIES	55.4% CAB SAUV, 21.5% MERLOT, 20% CAB FRANC, 3.1% PETIT VERDOT
DRINKABILITY	NOW THROUGH 2020
AGEING	20 MONTHS, 50% NEW FRENCH OAK, 50% ONCE AND TWICE USED FRENCH OAK
ALCOHOL	14.9%
TOTAL PRODUCTION	1,641 CASES

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— Harvey Steinman, Wine Spectator

90 POINTS “Good dark red. Subdued but complex nose hints at redcurrant, mocha, graphite, brown spices and tomato leaf. Silky and fine-grained on entry, the mellow in the middle, with attractive oak-driven notes of saffras and cola to go with the red fruits. Not overly sweet but quite mellow. This is just under 15% alcohol but I would not have guessed it.”

— Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar

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