

Matthews

2016 Reserve Merlot



The 2016 Matthews Reserve Merlot was crafted from several vineyards across three separate AVAs in Washington State: Columbia Valley, Red Mountain and Walla Walla. Farmed using sustainable practices, the vines were limited to one or two clusters per shoot for maximum concentration. They were then hand-harvested in the early morning.

Upon arriving in the winery, each cluster was hand-sorted, berry-sorted, and then fermented in either concrete eggs (65%) or stainless-steel tanks (35%). Using only free-run wine, it was then moved to custom French oak barrels (71% new) for 20 months of cellaring with over 40 individual evaluations by our winemaking team. The resulting 140 cases were bottled, without fining or filtration.

"The 2016 Merlot Reserve (91% Merlot and 9% Cabernet Franc) offers lots of red and black fruits as well as notes of chocolate and spice in a plump, rounded, flamboyant style that's a joy to drink. This sumptuous, medium to full-bodied effort has subtle background oak, no hard edges, and a great finish."

-93 points, Jeb Dunnuck, jebdunnuck.com

SELECT VINEYARDS

- 1 Columbia Valley AVA Dionysus Vineyard, Bacchus Vineyard
- 2 Red Mountain AVA Hedges Family Estate
- 3 Walla Walla Valley AVA Pepper Bridge Vineyard

Labeled AVA	Columbia Valley
Case Production	410
Varietal Breakdown	91% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Franc
Fermentation	65% concrete, 35% stainless-steel
Aging	71% new French oak for 20 months
Alcohol	14.1%
Drinkability	Now - 2029
Retail	\$57

