

Matthews

2019 CLARET



The 2019 Matthews Claret comes from several small vineyard parcels within three AVAs: Royal Slope, Columbia Valley, and Red Mountain. Harvested by hand in the early fall mornings 2019, it was then hand-sorted and fermented in the winery using both concrete and stainless steel tanks. The free-run wine was cellared in French oak for 21 months. Evaluated over 40 times by the winemaking team, only 67 barrels were ultimately selected to be blended, and finally bottled in July 2021.

“Mixed with currants and black tea, with muddled ripe strawberry and fresh raspberry puree. Swirling adds spice, sweetness, vanilla bean and an inviting note of fresh berries. The palate is open, with ripe tannins and a mouthwatering finish. Already exciting while still being accessible. A blend that builds on the Clarets that have come before, and shows a bit of where the wine will head in vintages to come.”

-Bryan Otis, Proprietor

SELECT VINEYARDS

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| ① Columbia Valley | Dionysus, Bacchus |
| ② Red Mountain | Quintessence, Hedges Estate, Angela's |
| ③ Royal Slope | Laura Lee, Scarline, Solaksen, Stillwater Creek |

Labeled AVA	Columbia Valley
Varietal	46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot
Fermentation	54% concrete, 46% stainless steel
Aging	21 months in new French oak
Alcohol	14.6%
Case Production	1,488
Drinkability	Now-2033
Retail	\$34

