

Matthews

2020 RED MOUNTAIN CLARET

The 2020 Matthews Red Mountain Claret comes from several vineyards within the Red Mountain AVA: Quintessence, Canyons, and Hedges. After hand-harvesting in the early fall mornings, the fruit was hand-sorted and fermented using both stainless-steel tanks and French oak barrels. The free-run juice was cellared in French oak (82% new) for 20 months. Only 28 barrels were ultimately selected to be blended, and finally bottled in July 2022, resulting in only 672 cases.

“The 2020 ‘Red Mountain Claret’ Red Wine is mostly Cabernet Sauvignon (61%) with small portions Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot sourced from the Canyons, Hedges, Shaw, Red Mountain and Quintessence Vineyards. Once on the nose this takes on layers of creosote, blackberry cordial, and suggestions of chocolate pie. The palate is concentrated and plush with a seamless texture and good length. This is seriously good and generous Left Bank inspired wine that is best consumed now and over the next fifteen years.”

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SELECT VINEYARDS

1	Red Mountain AVA	Quintessence, Canyons, Hedges
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AVA	Red Mountain
Varietals	61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Cabernet Franc, 11% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot
Fermentation	Stainless steel and French oak barrels
Aging	20 months in new (82%) and used French oak
Alcohol	14.4%
Cases	672
Best Between	Now - 2035
Retail	\$85

