

Matthews

2020 RESERVE CABERNET FRANC



The 2020 Matthews Reserve Cabernet Franc was crafted from several vineyards across 5 separate AVAs: Horse Heaven Hills, Walla Walla Valley, Red Mountain, Royal Slope, and Columbia Valley. Farmed using sustainable practices, the vines were limited to one or two clusters per shoot for maximum concentration. They were hand-harvested in the early mornings in October 2020. Upon arriving in the winery, the fruit was cluster-sorted, berry-sorted, and then fermented in a combination of stainless steel (89%) and French oak (11%). The free-run wine was then cellared for 21 months in new French oak barrels (100%). Only 18 of our highest-grade barrels were selected and bottled in July of 2022, producing only 434 cases.

“The 2020 Reserve Cabernet Franc shows vibrant purple to dark crimson in the glass and elicits aromas of red and black plum, confectioners chocolate, mulberry, bay leaf and vanilla bean paste. On the palate, crushed gravel notes mingle with dark roasted coffee, sweet kirsch, and classic Cabernet Franc notes of bilberry and green tea. Grippy tannins coat the weighty mid-palate and offer a long, textural finish. Intense lingering flavors of bright cherry and chocolate coffee bean.”

BRYAN OTIS, PROPRIETOR

SELECT VINEYARDS

1	Horse Heaven Hills AVA	Champoux
2	Walla Walla Valley AVA	Blue Mountain
3	Red Mountain AVA	Red Mountain, Quintessence
4	Royal Slope AVA	Solaksen
5	Columbia Valley AVA	Conner Lee

AVA	Columbia Valley
Varietals	89% Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec, 5% Merlot
Fermentation	89% stainless steel, 11% French oak barrels
Aging	100% new French oak for 21 months
Alcohol	14.7%
Cases	434
Best Between	Now – 2040
Retail	\$120

