

Matthews

2020 RESERVE CLARET



The 2020 Matthews Reserve Claret was crafted from several vineyards across 6 separate AVAs: Horse Heaven Hills, Columbia Valley, Red Mountain, White Bluffs, Walla Walla Valley, and Royal Slope. 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 between September and October 2020. Upon arriving in the winery, the fruit was cluster-sorted, berry-sorted, and then fermented in a both stainless steel (82%) and French oak (18%). The free-run wine was then cellared for 21 months in French oak barrels, (82% new). Only 28 of our highest-grade barrels were selected and bottled in July 2022, producing only 691 cases.

“The most expensive wine in the lineup, the 2020 Reserve Claret is based on 68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc, 7% each Merlot and Petit Verdot, and 4% Malbec. Its deep ruby/purple hue is followed by a perfumed bouquet of cassis, candied cherries, violets, and Asian spices. These carry to a medium to full-bodied, structured, tannic wine with a firm yet concentrated mid-palate, notable purity of fruit, and outstanding length. Give bottles a few years in the cellar, and it should evolve for 15 years or more.”

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SELECT VINEYARDS

1	Horse Heaven Hills AVA	Champoux, Wallula Gap
2	Columbia Valley AVA	Conner Lee
3	Red Mountain AVA	Shaw, Quintessence
4	White Bluffs AVA	Dionysus
5	Walla Walla Valley AVA	Blue Mountain

AVA	Columbia Valley
Varietals	68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc, 7% Merlot, 7% Petit Verdot, 4% Malbec
Fermentation	82% stainless steel, 18% French oak barrel
Aging	21 months in 82% new French oak, 18% once used French oak
Alcohol	14.9%
Cases	691
Best Between	Now - 2036
Retail	\$145

