

Matthews

2020 ROYAL SLOPE CUVÉE

The 2020 Matthews Royal Slope Cuvée comes from several vineyards within the Royal Slope AVA: Stillwater Creek, Solaksen, and Scarline. 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 (60% new) for 20 months. Bottling took place in June of 2022, resulting in only 624 cases.

"The 2020 'Royal Slope Cuvee' is a beautiful blend of 64% Merlot with 20% Cabernet Franc and smaller parts Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon. Fresh mint, black currants, cigar box and dark chocolate shavings all fill the nose. The palate is very juicy and bright, with good underlying finesse. Finishing long with black fruits and minerals, savor this great Merlot dominant blend now and over the next decade."

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SELECT VINEYARDS

1	Royal Slope AVA	Stillwater Creek, Solaksen, Scarline
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AVA	Royal Slope
Varietals	64% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 12% Malbec, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon
Fermentation	Stainless steel and French oak barrels
Aging	21 months in new (60%) and used French oak
Alcohol	14.7%
Cases	624
Best Between	Now - 2033
Retail	\$85

