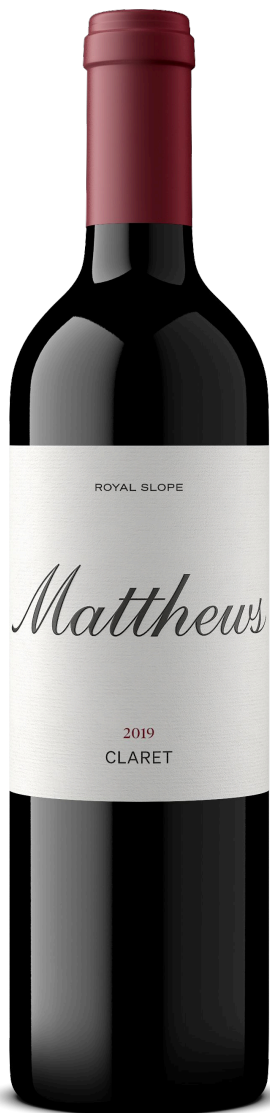


Matthews

2021 RESERVE CABERNET FRANC



The 2021 Matthews Reserve Cabernet Franc is comprised of several vineyard parcels within the greater Columbia Valley. Key sites are Red Mountain, Royal Slope, and White Bluffs AVAs, as well as Conner Lee vineyard. This wine truly represents the broad flavor and aromatic expressions of Bordeaux varietals from the diverse terroirs of Washington State. The winemaking team worked with vineyard managers to restrict yields, creating small, concentrated berries. Cool fall nights preserved freshness in the wine while continuing flavor development. Hand-harvesting took place in the early mornings in October.

Once arriving in the winery, the fruit was cluster-sorted, de-stemmed, and berry-sorted. The grapes were placed in tank and cold soaked for two days, before a 14-day fermentation along with 14 extra days of extended maceration, making it a total of 32 days in tank for maximum extraction.

The free run wine was barreled down into varying formats of 100% new French oak and cellared for 21 months. In the Spring of 2023, 20 carefully selected barrels were blended and in July 2023 bottled (unfined and unfiltered), producing only 503 cases.

“The 2021 Reserve Cabernet Franc from Matthews is cellared in 100% new French oak for 21 months and displays a brooding, deep, ruby-purple core with a light red rim. It’s a blend of 83% Cabernet Franc, 12% Merlot, and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, with alcohol checking in at 15.2%, even though you don’t notice it. Dark strawberries, black raspberries, crushed stones, green peppercorn, baking spice, and wet leaves aromas dominate the nose and the palate. Smooth but present tannins complement the excellent backbone and structure on the mid-palate. A little over 500 cases made. Highly recommended.”

96 POINTS, JEREMY YOUNG, INTERNATIONAL WINE REPORT

Fans of hedonism unite; this reserve wine delivers maximum Cabernet Franc pleasure when opened. It begins with aromas of blackberries, freshly turned earth, Thai basil and patio slate after a good rain. Then chocolate-covered black cherries, espresso and coconut flavors take over on the creamy palate.”

94 POINTS, MICHAEL ALBERTY, WINE ENTHUSIAST

SELECT VINEYARDS

Royal Slope AVA	Solaksen, Stoneridge
Columbia Valley AVA	Conner Lee
White Bluffs AVA	Bacchus
Red Mountain AVA	Quintessence, Red Mountain Vineyard, Angela's

AVA	Columbia Valley
Varietals	83% Cabernet Franc, 12% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon
Fermentation	Fermented for 14 days in stainless steel with 30+ days of extended maceration
Aging	Aged 21 months in 100% new French oak
Alcohol	15.2%
Cases	503
Retail	\$98

