

Matthews

2021 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



The 2021 Matthews Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is comprised of several vineyard parcels within the greater Columbia Valley. Key sites are from Horse Heaven Hills, Royal Slope and Red Mountain AVAs, allowing this wine to truly represent the broad flavor and aromatic expressions of Cabernet Sauvignon 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 a sense of freshness in the wine while continuing flavor development. Hand-harvesting took place in the early mornings in October.

At the winery, the fruit was cluster sorted, destemmed and berry sorted. The wine spent 30+ days on skins for extended maceration before being barreled down into varying formats of 100% new French oak.

The wine was cellared for 21 months with 73 barrels being selected and carefully blended. The wine was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered to ensure the wine in bottle is pure, vibrant, and intense, producing only 1,872 cases.

“The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve Columbia Valley is juicy, fresh and indulgent with red and black fruit flavors, a firm structure and complex layers. The nose is generous and layered, while the wine hits the palate with a packed, medium to full-bodied profile. Gliding over the palate, it finishes silky-smooth, like chocolate ganache melting on the tongue. This Cabernet Sauvignon aged 21 months in 100% New French oak. Bravo, I’m going back for a second and third sip.”

96 POINTS, ANTHONY MUELLER, THE WINE ADVOCATE

“100% Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from 6 different clones make up the plush 2021 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon by Matthews. It’s a stunning wine that deserves attention and is cellared in 100% new French oak for 21 months. Gifting a deep brooding purple core with a lighter purple rim, it boasts plush crushed blackberries, sweet boysenberries, Christmas spices, forest spruce, toasted clove, and mountain sagebrush notes across the palate and the nose. An elegant and lovely structure flows across the tongue. Crunchy tannins, mouthwatering acidity, and an earthy finish complete the wine. Better in 2025 and then age for another 10-15 years. 1842 cases produced. Highly recommended.”

96 POINTS, JEREMY YOUNG, INTERNATIONAL WINE REPORT

SELECT VINEYARDS

Royal Slope AVA	Solaksen
Columbia Valley AVA	Conner Lee
Red Mountain AVA	Quintessence, Canyons, Red Mountain Vineyard, Shaw
Horse Heaven Hills AVA	Wallula Gap

AVA	Columbia Valley
Varietals	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Fermentation	Fermented 10-14 days in stainless steel with 30+ days of extended maceration
Aging	Aged 21 months in 100% new French oak
Alcohol	15.1%
Cases	1,872
Retail	\$98

