

Matthews

2023 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



The 2023 Matthews Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon brings together seven distinguished vineyards across three of Washington's celebrated growing regions: Horse Heaven Hills (56%), Royal Slope (22%), and Red Mountain (22%). Each contributes a distinct expression of Cabernet Sauvignon, creating a wine that reflects the remarkable diversity of the Columbia Valley.

After several vintages marked by weather extremes, 2023 brought a welcome return to balance and predictability. A warm, steady growing season and favorable fall conditions allowed for gradual ripening, developing concentration and phenolic maturity while preserving freshness. Horse Heaven Hills provides the foundation of the wine, with its windswept vineyards and well-drained soils, while the Royal Slope contributes complexity and Red Mountain lends depth and structure.

Fruit was hand-harvested throughout October 2023 from Canyons, Milt's, Phinny Hill, Quintessence, Shaw, Solaksen, and Wallula Gap vineyards. Following 14 days of primary fermentation in oak barrels, the wine remained on grape skins for a total of 30 days before aging for 23 months in 100% new oak.

Just 18 barrels were produced, yielding 445 cases. Bottled on September 11, 2025, this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon captures the balance of the 2023 vintage and the distinctive character of three exceptional Washington appellations.

"A silky and enticing wine with aromas of plums, crushed rocks and violets. Very complete and seamless, with a silky texture, refined tannins and flavors of raspberries, marionberries and pastry. Full-bodied. Delicious now, but can hold."

97 POINTS, COURTNEY HUMISTON, JAMESSUCKLING.COM

"All varietal, the 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve is picked specifically to make a reserve-tier wine and is aged over 23 months in all new French oak barrique. Brooding dark fruit highlights a palate of supple tannins, with a hint of grip as spiced aromatics and floral beauty unfurl. Minerality from the Royal Slope complements the fruit intensity and structure from Red Mountain grapes, with the moon dust texture deriving from Conner Lee. This is a balanced, finessed wine that should age with ease; drink 2028-2038"

96 POINTS, VIRGINIE BOONE, JEBDUNNUCK.COM

SELECT VINEYARDS

Horse Heaven Hills AVA	Wallula Gap, Phinny Hill, Milt's
Royal Slope AVA	Solaksen
Red Mountain AVA	Quintessence, Shaw, Canyons

AVA	Columbia Valley
Varietals	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Fermentation	Fermented for 14 days in 100% oak barrels, followed by 30+ days of extended contact with the grape skins
Aging	Aged 23 months in 100% new oak
Alcohol	14.9%
Cases	445
Retail	\$105

