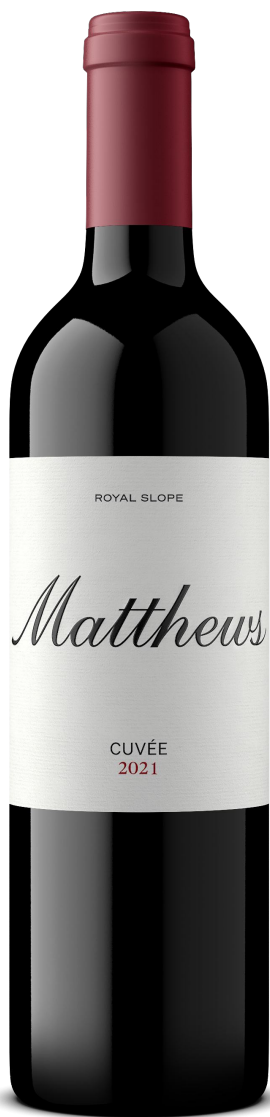


Matthews

2021 ROYAL SLOPE CUVÉE



The 2021 Matthews Royal Slope Cuvée is a meticulously crafted wine from several vineyard parcels within the Royal Slope AVA of the Columbia Valley. Key sites include Stoneridge, Solaksen, and Scarline Vineyards, allowing this Merlot-dominant blend to showcase the diverse flavors and aromatic expressions of the region.

The winemaking team collaborated with vineyard managers to limit yields, resulting in small, concentrated berries. Cool fall nights preserved freshness while enhancing flavor development. Hand-harvesting occurred in the early mornings of October.

At the winery, the fruit underwent cluster sorting, de-stemming, and berry-sorting. For maximum flavor extraction, the wine was fermented and kept in tank for 30+ days to extend the maceration time with the aim of encouraging deeper textural layering. After this extended maceration, the wine was cellared in various formats of new 100% new French oak. After 21 months of cellaring,

13 carefully blended barrels produced only 354 cases of this pure, vibrant, and intense Cuvée, which was bottled unfinned and unfiltered. 7 different clones were used in the final blend: Merlot clone 15, Cabernet Sauvignon clones 2, 4, 191, Cabernet Franc clones 214, 327, Malbec clone 4.

“The really good Merlot dominant 2021 Matthews ‘Royal Slope Cuvée’ Red Wine offers garrigue and blackberry notes on the nose alongside shades of tar, with stony undercurrents. The palate is soft and enticing with good richness and a seamless texture. Layered with its core of dense dark fruits, tobacco leaf and coffee grounds, this is a beautiful showing that is already drinking nicely at the two year mark. Savor this beauty now and over the next ten years to come.”

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SELECT VINEYARDS

1	Royal Slope AVA	Solaksen
2	Royal Slope AVA	Scarline
3	Royal Slope AVA	Stoneridge

AVA	Royal Slope
Varietals	53% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc, 8% Malbec
Fermentation	Each parcel was hand-sorted from the vineyard, with gentle fermentation and extended maceration culminating over 30+ days
Aging	Cellared in 100% new French oak for 21 months
Alcohol	15.0%
Cases	305
Best Between	Now – 2036
Retail	\$145

