

# PENDULUM

AN IDEAL EXPRESSION FROM WASHINGTON STATE'S  
COLUMBIA VALLEY, BALANCED TO PERFECTION.

## 2019 RED BLEND



### TASTING NOTE

This is a big wine, with integrated and elegant tannins, and aromas of coffee and plum. The wine has flavors of bright black cherry, boysenberry, and sweet oak, finishing with plum reduction sauce and a hint of nutmeg. This is an easily approachable wine with elegant tannins making it a foodies wine. It will pair well with red meat, dark poultry meat, and will also compliment various grilled sausages/smoked meats.

### VINTAGE NOTE

The 2019 vintage in Washington State proved to be a cooler and wetter year than the last several vintages. Still, a rainy September and brief cold snap in mid-October didn't keep this harvest from showing brighter and very balanced wines. Wines are presenting with phenolic ripeness without the higher sugars shown in the last few vintages. Rosés are bright in color with beautiful natural acids and very fruit-driven, with a bonus of having lower alcohols due to the lower brix at harvest. The aromatics such as Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris and Viognier are true-to-variety and wonderfully aromatic with more floral aromas than they have shown in years. Even big reds such as Merlot and Malbec have intense and forward floral aromatics. Washington was on a warming trend since 2012, until 2019 came along to serve as a reminder that Mother Nature is in full control and will keep the viticulture teams expecting the unexpected.

### AVA BACKGROUND

Known for its many and varied microclimates (cool, warm, windy, hilly, flat), Columbia Valley is the umbrella AVA under which many of the state's sub-AVAs fall. While it contains 99% of wine grapes grown in Washington State, 6,851 of its acres are unique to the Columbia Valley and don't overlap another sub-AVA in the state.

### VINEYARD SOURCE

58% Mirage, 12% Skyfall, 11% Canyon Vineyard Ranch, 10% Alder Ridge, 5% Pepper Bridge, 5% Browne Estate

### VARIETY BLEND

58% Merlot, 15% Syrah, 10% Petit Verdot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec

### PREVIOUS ACCLAIM

91pt, James Suckling

### BOTTLING

TA: 5.4 g/L

PH: 3.69

Alcohol: 13.55%

### OAK

30% mix of new AO/FO

### AGED

11 months in barrel

### HARVEST DATE

Sep 21 - Oct 24, 2019