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2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WASHINGTON STATE

TASTING NOTE

“This bold and vibrant cabernet boasts aromas of ripe fruit and hints of leather, leading to a mid-palate filled with concentrated flavors of blackberry and cherry. The long finish leaves a lasting impression with notes of developed cedar and fine-grained tannins.”

–Hal Landvoigt, Winemaker

VINTAGE BACKGROUND

2018 represents a very long harvest and a record-breaker for volume and tons crushed. Drier weather at bloom, resulted in grapes with much less mildew pressure than last year. Two weeks of extremely hot weather towards the end of summer allowed fruit to hang a little longer. Ripened red varieties will show more fruit-forward characteristics. The levels of acid are coming in higher than in years past, so red varieties will be bright and refreshing.

VINEYARDS

Goose Ridge Vineyards, Alder Ridge, Wallula Vineyards, Willard

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.



WINEMAKING

HARVEST: Sep. 15 – Nov. 18, 2018

AGING: 20% American oak

BLEND: 97% Cabernet Sauvignon,
3% Merlot

PH: 3.83 | TA: 5.61 g/l | ALC: 13.65%