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COLUMBIA VALLEY CABERNET FRANC 2020



AVA
100% Columbia Valley
100% Beverly Vineyard

VARIETAL CONTENT
100% Cabernet Franc

OAK REGIMEN
French oak

CASES PRODUCED
927

ABV
13.5%

pH
3.69

TA
3.6 g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR
Fermented dry

FOOD PAIRING
Braised beef short ribs with
grilled polenta

TASTE PROFILE

COLOR / Deep, dark carmine
AROMAS / Raspberry with a granite undertone
FLAVORS / Roller coaster of dark fruit flavors throughout
STRUCTURE / Fruit present throughout the mid-palate with a tannin-structured finish

VINEYARD SOURCE

Beverly Vineyard - 100%

SOIL / Sand-based soil with ribbons of Basalt threading the property
Beverly Vineyard is one of the warmest sites in Washington. Located amidst the beautiful central Washington region, it offers a thriving ecosystem abundant with diverse wildlife native to the high-desert. Beverly follows conventional farming practices without utilizing cover crops. The vineyard experiences notably low average yields, producing less than three tons per acre.

2020 VINTAGE REPORT

Harvest 2020 was first affected by a series of freeze events in October 2019 which led to bud damage, reduced canopies, and a smaller fruit load. Winter was unseasonably warm until around March 14th when snow and freezing temperatures interrupted the prematurely blooming orchards. Fortunately, many grapevines were still dormant and budbreak held off until around mid-April. The following spring months were cooler and wetter contributing to smaller clusters. The summer months were relatively warm with a few heat spikes. On Labor Day, a severe windstorm hit the region, and smoke from local and Oregon wildfires invaded the valley for a few scary days. Thankfully for us, this unwelcome smoke had a limited impact on our grapes.

The initial red grapes were harvested in the second week of September during the onset of this windstorm. At the time of harvest, we were concerned that the smoke would continue and cause the entire vintage to be a loss. However, after a week, the weather shifted, and winds drove the smoke out of eastern Washington.

We resumed picking reds during the last two weeks of September. The temperatures between the smoke event and the end of harvest were relatively high. A frost event occurred on October 23rd that ended harvest throughout the state. The weather was nearly perfect throughout the harvest window with all varieties achieving maturity. The crop yield was light across the board at 22% less than expected but the quality was excellent.