



PROPRIETOR'S RESERVE
2019 ZINFANDEL
COLUMBIA VALLEY

Varietal Composition:	Gunkel Orchards (Estate) 100%
Appellation	Columbia Valley
Bottled:	January 19, 2022
Technical Data:	Alc. 15.5% by vol; RS: 0.025; TA: 6.09 g/l; pH 3.83
Cases Produced:	1177
Production & Aging:	Aged 20 months in 60% new French oak

THE VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season was a consistently temperate season. Few extreme heat days allowed for even vine ripening and little stress on grape flavor development. While some areas in the Columbia Valley were impacted from early season frosts, Maryhill saw little damage in the locations that grapes were sourced from. The acids held well across white and red wines and will deliver great brightness in the whites and graceful aging for years to come in the reds.

THE VINEYARD

Sourced 100% Gunkel Vineyards (Estate).

THE WINEMAKING

Throughout harvest, Winemaker Richard Batchelor worked closely with local growers and visited each vineyard to taste for maturity and ripeness to determine the precise moment to pick the fruit. Grapes were hand-harvested during the cool hours of the morning to preserve bright fruit notes. Each lot underwent a five day pre-fermentation cold soak before the tank was allowed to go through a native fermentation to dryness lasting roughly 21 days. Each lot was fermented separately and then blended before bottling to allow the tannins to meld together. To craft this wine, only the free run juice was collected and no press fraction was blended. The wine was then barrel aged for 20 months in French Oak. For the first year this wine was stirred in barrel on its lees and racked when necessary to soften the tannins. After the first 12 months the wine was racked off the lees for clarity before blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Fruit pie, baking, clove, nutmeg, and chocolate aromas with a lush palate throughout. Hints of a warm cedar and tobacco notes and a pleasurable finish.

AWARDS

2022 Great Northwest Wine Platinum Invitational Competition - Double Platinum (97 pts.)



Pacific Northwest Winery of the Year
Wine Press Northwest, 2015

Winery of the Year
San Francisco International, 2014

Top 10 Winery of the World
World Assn. of Wine Writers & Journalists, 2014

Winemaker of the Year
INDY International, 2019, 2018 & 2013

Most Valuable Producer
Washington Wine Awards 2022