



2018 CABERNET FRANC

COLUMBIA VALLEY

Varietal Composition:	Tudor Hills Vineyard 70% and Gunkel Vineyards (Estate) 30%
Appellation	Columbia Valley
Bottled:	August 26, 2019
Technical Data:	Alc. 14.5% by vol; RS: 0.01; TA: 5.85 g/l; pH 3.5
Cases Produced:	1888
Production & Aging:	Barrel aged 9 months in 50% New French Oak

THE VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season was warmer than average, with ideal weather occurring during the harvest season. The season started cool in April, and warmed up in May, advancing blooming. This advancement led to a large crop size that required extensive thinning. July and August served as warmer than average months, but the season cooled down once again in September creating ideal conditions for ripening. October temperatures were average across the Columbia Valley, with moderate days and cool nights. Warm days during harvest continued sugar accumulation while cooler nights preserved acidity. As a result, Brix levels were slightly above average in 2018, while acid levels were higher than anticipated for a warm vintage. Maryhill Winery received a total of 1,115 tons of fruit in 2018.

THE VINEYARD

Sourced from our award-winning vineyards in Washington state's Columbia Valley AVA.

THE WINEMAKING

Throughout harvest, Winemaker Richard Batchelor worked closely with the grower and visited the 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. The lot underwent a five day pre-fermentation cold soak before the tank was allowed to go through a native fermentation to dryness in about 21 days. Only the free run juice was collected and no press fraction was used in the making of this wine. The lots were then aged in French oak for 9 months. For the first year this wine was stirred in barrel on its lees and raked when necessary to soften the tannins. After the first 12 months, the wine was raked off the lees for clarity before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Notes of raspberry, bell pepper, cherries and fresh herbs with a fruity hibiscus aroma. Cherry and pomegranate on the palate with a clean acid sweetness of vanilla and oak on the finish.

AWARDS

2021 Sip Magazine's Best of the Northwest GOLD



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 Association of Wine Writers & Journalists, 2014

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