Matthews

2011 Claret



Established in 1993, Matthews Winery is located in the heart of Woodinville Wine Country. The boutique winery is owned by the Otis family and focuses on maintaining production of Bordeaux style and single varietal vineyard designated wines, using grapes grown in Washington State from vineyards that have experience and respect for nature and its soil.

The winery and winemaker, Aryn Morell, believe that there is a deep and tangible link between the vines, hills, winegrowers and winemakers, and carries this proof of affinity into every aspect of winemaking: from the vineyard to the cellar, from the vine to the wine bottle.

This widely loved red is a Bordeaux-style blend of Cabernet, Merlot, and Cab Franc, rounded out with a touch of Malbec and Petit Verdot—classic Bordeaux varietals that thrive here in Washington. The Claret has become a "go-to" wine for many people, the kind of bottle that pairs equally well with an opulent night out or burgers in the backyard. Our unique access to amazing vineyard sites and a state-of-the-art facility allows us to produce this boutique quality wine at a more accessible scale and deliver a tremendous wine.

"A beautiful wine, the 2011 Claret offers up a medium to full-bodied, supple and elegant profile to go with impressive notes of dark berry fruits, spice box, hints of graphite and crushed flowers. A blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc that spent 19 months in 30% new French oak, it's a serious, seamlessly put together wine that blossoms in the glass, has integrated acidity and fine tannin that emerges on the finish. Due to the cooler year, the blend here was tweaked slightly to include more Merlot, as the Cabernet didn't achieve the desired level of ripeness. It should drink well for 10 to 12 years, if not longer."

-90 points, Jeb Dunnuck, Wine Advocate

SELECT VINEYARDS

Columbia Valley AVA	Stillwater Creek Vineyard, Dionysus Vineyard
Red Mountain AVA	Red Mountain Vineyard
Walla Walla AVA	Pepper Bridge Vineyard
Wahluke Slope AVA	Weinbau Vineyard



