Matthews

2019 RED MOUNTAIN CLARET



The 2019 Matthews Red Mountain Claret comes from several small vineyard blocks exclusively within the Red Mountain AVA. After hand-harvesting in the early fall mornings, it was then hand-sorted and fermented using a combination of concrete (80%) and stainless-steel (20%) tanks. The free-run juice was cellared in French oak (90% new) for 23 months. Only 10 barrels were ultimately selected to be blended, and finally bottled in Oct 2021.

"This deep garnet claret offers up aromas bursting with baking spice, dried herbs, saddle leather, tobacco leaf, candied ginger, and wet asphalt. The palate offers generous, but well-integrated tannins framed by the perfect balance of new French oak. Blackberry and blueberry meet currant and raspberry, followed by cola, plum, and dried cedar. Well preserved fresh acidity streaks through the core of this wine to give balance and lift. Approachable upon opening but evolves in the glass and bottle with decanting over time."

-Bryan Otis, Proprietor

SELECT VINEYARDS

1 Red Mountain

Canyons, Hedges Estate, Shaw, Red Mountain Vineyard, Quintessence,

Labeled AVA	Red Mountain
Varietal	57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc
Fermentation	80% concrete, 20% stainless-steel
Aging	23 months in 90% new French oak
Alcohol	14.9%
Total Production	236 cases
Drinkability	Now - 2031
Retail	\$65

