

Matthews

2021 RESERVE CLARET



The 2021 Matthews Reserve Claret is comprised of several vineyard parcels within the greater Columbia Valley. Key sites are from Red Mountain AVA as well as Horse Heaven Hills, allowing this wine to truly represent the broad flavor and aromatic expressions of Bordeaux inspired wines from the diverse terroirs of Washington State.

The winemaking team worked with vineyard managers to restrict yields, creating small, concentrated berries. Cool fall nights preserved a sense of freshness in the wine while continuing flavor development. Hand-harvesting took place in the early mornings in October.

At the winery, the fruit was cluster sorted, destemmed and berry sorted. The wine spent 30+ days on skins for extended maceration before being barreled down into varying formats of 100% new French oak. The wine was cellared for 21 months with 20 barrels being selected and carefully blended. The wine was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered to ensure the wine in bottle is pure, vibrant, and intense, producing only 490 cases.

"My favorite of the 2021 Matthews lineup, the gorgeous, decadent, and brooding 2021 Reserve Claret blends 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, and 10% Cabernet Franc and is cellared in 100% new French oak for 21 months. A deep, focused, ruby-purple core is in contrast with its neon ruby rim and exhibits what is to come. Bountiful aromas of black and red fruits meld with notes of dried rose, red plum skins, black currants, cedary herbs, and grated clove that sits perfectly on the back palate. Perfectly balanced between the crunchy, sweet tannins and elevated acidity, it's very polished with a near-perfect structure. Enjoy this one in a couple of years and then over the next 15 or more"

-97 POINTS JEREMY YOUNG, INTERNATIONAL WINE REPORT

"Sweet sage, cedary spice and dried black cherries flow as the 2021 Claret Reserve come to life in the glass. Pure and elegant, the 2021 is savory and polished, with depths of mineral-tinged red and black fruits. It takes on a pleasantly bitter tinge toward the close, with a dusting of cocoa combined with residual acidity that creates a push-and-pull of tension. This finishes quite potent, with a balanced structure that will guarantee over a decade of positive evolution"

-95 POINTS ERIC GUIDO, VINOUS

SELECT VINEYARDS

1	Columbia Valley AVA	Conner Lee
2	White Bluffs AVA	Bacchus
3	Red Mountain AVA	Shaw, Quintessence, Canyons, Red Mountain Vineyard
4	Horse Heaven Hills AVA	Wallula Gap
5	Horse Heaven Hills AVA	Phinny Hill

AVA	Columbia Valley
Varietals	70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc
Fermentation	Each parcel was hand-sorted from the vineyard, with gentle fermentation and extended maceration culminating over 30+ days.
Aging	Cellared in 100% new French oak for 21 months
Alcohol	15.1%
Cases	490
Best Between	Now - 2042
Retail	\$ 195

