

CANVASBACK®

2021 RED MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Home to some of Washington State's most celebrated vineyards, Red Mountain is renowned for Cabernet Sauvignon. With ideal southwest-facing slopes and significant day and nighttime temperature swings, this small but highly prized area in Eastern Washington produces exceptional wines. Named for the Canvasback duck, which is native to the Pacific Flyway, this wine was crafted from grapes cultivated by some of Red Mountain's finest growers. With Canvasback, our aim is to express and develop the depth, structure and sophistication that define wines from this young and exciting appellation.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 vintage on Red Mountain will be famous for its warm growing season and its drought conditions, which combined to produce historically low yields. While budbreak was two weeks ahead of normal thanks to a warm, dry spring, blustery weather during flowering caused some shatter leading to very low yields. A late-June heatwave led to incredible phenolic development, while a second heatwave during veraison spurred the vines towards early ripening. Harvest started early, with ideal weather throughout September and October, and concluded two weeks ahead of schedule without any pressure from frost or rain. Due to the low yields and intense midsummer heat, our 2021 wines are displaying incredible power, ripeness and concentration.

WINEMAKING NOTES

This luxurious wine draws you in with soaring aromas of cherry pie, grenadine and plum, as well as delightful notions of sagebrush, fennel, sarsaparilla and hints of flinty minerality and barrel spice. On the broad, supple palate, silky tannins underscore concentrated flavors of dark fruit and spice, with sophisticated notes of cocoa, tobacco leaf, black tea, nutmeg and cardamom emerging on the long, rich finish.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Red Mountain
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 2% Malbec
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged 20 months in 100% French oak 40% new, 60% neutral
KEY COOPERS	Orion, Seguin Moreau, Taransaud, Cavin
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PH	3.87
ACIDITY	0.55 g/100 ml
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	From 12 different Red Mountain Vineyards, averaging record-low yields of 3.1 tons per acre. Fermented in small, open-top tanks, with a combination of punch down, pumpover and delestage for precise extraction of tannins and color.

