

REQUIEM

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2021

COLUMBIA VALLEY

VINEYARDS

The 2021 vintage began with a dry, even spring followed by the hottest summer on record for the Columbia Valley. Due to the heat, overall yields were down 25-50%. With low yields comes high quality - the grapes were remarkably dense, concentrated, and flavorful.

The 2021 Requiem is composed of 95% Cabernet Sauvignon with 5% Merlot, Malbec, Syrah, and Petit Verdot, harvested at the end of September from two sub-AVAs in the Columbia Valley, Horse Heaven Hills and Red Mountain.

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS AVA

Vineyards in Horse Heaven Hills are on the south-facing slopes along the Columbia River. The river aids in moderating the extreme fluctuations that affect the Columbia Valley, making HHH less prone to frost. Intense wind is also a significant factor, producing grapes with thicker skins and reduced fungal pressure. It is also one of the driest (of an already impossibly arid area), with an average of only 7-9 inches of rain per growing season.

RED MOUNTAIN AVA

Red Mountain is the smallest and warmest of the Columbia Valley sub-appellations, with extreme diurnal shifts that often drop from 90° to 50°. The wind-blown silt soils are over the glacial outflow from the Missoula floods and have high alkalinity and calcium carbonate. The southwest slopes are ideally situated for prolonged sun exposure. Here, the Cascade Mountain rain shadow is especially pronounced, with only 5-7 inches of average rainfall.

WINEMAKING

Varieties were co-fermented in wooden vats, followed by malolactic conversion and aging in a barrel regimen of 90% French and 10% American oak. The barrels are 30% new, and the balance is second- and third-use. Elevage lasted 20 months before bottling.

PRESS - 91 JS

"Dark chocolate, bay leaves, black plums and hints of tobacco on the nose. Creamy and full-bodied, with a juicy core of ripe black fruit framed by medium-firm tannins. Tasty, chocolaty finish."

