

REQUIEM

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2024

COLUMBIA VALLEY



VINEYARDS

The 2024 vintage was marked with a cold snap in January that tested vineyard resilience, but healthy spring growth and a warm summer set the stage for a successful growing season. Dry, moderate conditions and broad picking windows allowed fruit to reach optimal maturity without pressure from rain or frost. This vintage of Requiem is composed of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon with 15% Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Petit Verdot from two sub-AVAs in the Columbia Valley.

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 major 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.

WALLA WALLA AVA

The cut diamond shape of the Walla Walla AVA not only defines the region's shape, but also alludes to the many facets of the area including two soil types - wind blown silts (loess) - one over basalt bedrock and the other over marine sediments. There is quite a bit of diversity in terms of climate and geology with rainfall ranges from 7 inches per year from western sites to 22 inches in the eastern foothills.

WINEMAKING

Varieties were fermented separately in oak vats, followed by malolactic conversion and aging in French oak, 20% new, and the balance is second- and third-use. Twenty months élevage before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Bold and savory, offering expressive aromas and flavors of marionberry and dark cherry, layered with sarsaparilla, cedar, and dried tobacco. Notes of an autumnal spice melange and earthiness add depth and complexity. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is juicy and generous with plush dark-fruit character, balanced by a firm, refined tannin structure and a long, polished finish.