

# Children's Reserve Cuvée

2018 | COLUMBIA VALLEY



71% Wallula Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon  
(clones 7 & 412)  
19% Wallula Vineyard Cabernet Franc  
(clone 214)  
10% Dionysus Vineyard Petit Verdot

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.76

Titrateable Acidity: 5.5 g/liter

Residual Sugar: <0.1 g/liter

Volatile Acidity: 0.68 g/liter

Alcohol: 14.6%

99 cases produced

## Harvest and Winemaking

2018 was either the best or second best vintage of the decade. A vintage is made by the right amount of sunlight and heat at the right time of the grape maturity cycle. 2018 had a beautiful summer with a long, sunny, and temperate fall.

The goal of the Children's Reserve Cuvée is to create a unique Isenhower Cellars Bordeaux Blend that is comprised of the best barrels of the vintage. The blend is 71% Cabernet Sauvignon from Wallula Vineyard. 19% is Cabernet Franc from Wallula Vineyard and 10% Petit Verdot from Dionysus Vineyard.

All the grapes were sorted by hand and destemmed to keep as many whole berries as possible. The grapes were fermented by yeast specific for each variety. All the wines were pressed at dryness and racked to 300 liter barrels. The blend was put together in the summer of 2019 and bottled in early 2021. The CRC is unfiltered. 67% new and 33% used French Oak.

## Tasting Notes

Black-Red hue with the edge leading towards the red spectrum. Brilliant clarity. Dark and rich aromas of black currant, sea salt, olive tapenade, dried mint, and herbs. The mouth feel has a lightness and freshness with intensity of dark red fruit, acidity, and restrained but copious tannins. The finish lasts forever. The taste is of a properly aged Left Bank Bordeaux made in Washington. The CRC is classy, lovely, perfectly aged, and delicious!

## About the Cuvée

The Children's Reserve Cuvée is our Bordeaux style "best barrels" wine. Since 2011 our three daughters have painted labels for each label. It is one wine but three artistic representations on the bottle. Now they are young ladies ready to take on the world!

Cabernet Sauvignon is the base of the CRC. A large dose of Cabernet Franc provided aromatic intensity and Petit Verdot increases the color hue of the blend.

Enjoy through 2034.



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