

Batchlor's Button Cabernet Sauvignon

2018 | COLUMBIA VALLEY



84% Summit View Cabernet Sauvignon
12% Wallula Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon
4% Olsen Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.77

Titrateable Acidity: 5.4 g/liter

Residual Sugar: 0.2 g/liter

Volatile Acidity: 0.78 g/liter

Alcohol: 14.8%

295 cases produced



Harvest and Winemaking

The 2018 growing season was influenced by slightly higher temperatures (3.6%) than the long-term average and significant air pollution from the forest fires in Canada and the United States. The corresponding decreased sunlight delayed ripening and lengthened the harvest season. Gloriously, mid-September through late October had brilliant sunshine and little rain, creating a wonderful vintage for the wine grape harvest.

Summit View was harvested on September 25, Wallula was harvested on October 15, and Olsen Ranch was picked on October 24. All the grapes were hand-harvested, hand-sorted, and fermented by yeast specific for Cabernet Sauvignon. The wines were fermented to dryness and pressed. Only the free-run wine was retained for the Batchlor's Button. All the wines were aged in French Oak barrels (33% new) for 28 months prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

This "almost Walla Walla Cabernet Sauvignon" is a clone of third growth Bordeaux Cabernet Sauvignon.

Black-Red hue, aromas of black olive, red currant, cigar box and tobacco, with distinct notes of dust, minerality,

leather, vanilla, and tapenade. The texture is medium weight and seamless with delicious acidity and long lasting, dry, yet gentle tannins. There are characters of red currants, dust, and vanilla flavors.

Thoughts on (almost) Walla Walla Cabernet Sauvignon

Cabernet Sauvignon is a relative newcomer in Bordeaux, being a cross between Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc. Cabernet Sauvignon is Washington's and Walla Walla's primary red grape in acres planted.

Walla Walla produces in unique Cabernet. It tends to have a dried earth and red fruit character. Tannin levels in Walla Walla Cabernet vary. Silt Loam soils produce very firm tannins in the wine. Whereas the Rocks district produces a soft and savory Cabernet Sauvignon.

Young vine Walla Walla Cabernet wine seems less developed and complex. Mature to older vine wines have better texture, intensity and tannin profile.

Ingredients & Additions

Cabernet Sauvignon grapes, yeast, oak from French Oak barrels, organic yeast nutrients, tartaric acid, and 35 ppm SO₂ for freshness and stability.



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