

## 2008 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley Randy Dunn

Acclaimed Napa Valley vintner Randy Dunn has a reputation for producing world-class Cabernet Sauvignons. He brings more than four decades of winemaking experience to the Columbia Valley to craft Feather, his only wine made outside of California.

**Tasting Notes:** Impressive for its intensity and elegance, the 2008 Feather offers generous aromas of ripe blueberries, black fruit and mocha with smoky notes of cedar and tobacco. A complex palate of dark plum, cherry, clove and licorice glides smoothly over refined tannins and creamy oak nuances.

**Vintage:** The 2008 harvest produced wines with great balance and intensity. The season started out slowly. Summer temperatures warmed gradually, delaying veraison, but meticulous care throughout the growing season kept the vines in balance and set the stage for an excellent harvest. September and October offered up the Columbia Valley's signature warm fall days and cool nights, producing grapes with excellent natural acidity.

**Winemaking:** Hand-picked grapes were sorted at the winery, gently crushed and fermented in small stainless steel tanks before aging 22 months in Vicard French oak barrels (95% new) selected to underscore the purity of the fruit and add just a hint of spice. With the goal of creating a seamless expression true to the variety, Randy selected his favorite lots of the vintage to assemble this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon wine.

**Vineyards**: Randy's fondness for the Wahluke Slope and Horse Heaven Hills is reflected in this vintage, dominated by these two complementary growing regions. Wahluke Slope Cabernet, from Stone Tree Vineyard and the Sagemoor Group's Weinbau Vineyard, give the wine its structure and ripe, dark fruit character. The Benches, in the Horse Heaven Hills, contributes elegance, earthiness and complexity.

**Alcohol:** 14.2%

**pH:** 3.81

**TA:** 0.61 grams / 100ml

**Blend:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Release date:** Fall 2011 **Production:** 1,874 cases