

Throughout our history, we've had the privilege of working with Cabernet Sauvignon from at least seven different vineyards around the state. Each planting is a window into the unique terroir of the specific site and, despite what is sometimes written, we can confirm that Cabernet Sauvignon *does* express terroir, when it's allowed to. Hidden Windows gives us an opportunity to explore various expressions of the variety – 2019 features Discovery Vineyard.

## Vineyard

Discovery Vineyard (90% of the final blend) is located 90 miles West and slightly South of Walla Walla in the Horse Heaven Hills AVA of Washington State. The site sits just above the Columbia River – literally on a bluff that looks out over the river into eastern Oregon immediately to the South. Sitting at 550 feet above sea level, the generous southerly slope provides ideal air drainage and allows for optimal ripening.

The soils at Discovery are generally very shallow, with some sections of the vineyard having only 12-18 inches of wind-blown loess above the fractured basalt bedrock. Our block of Cabernet Sauvignon was planted in 2005 with Clone 8 CS by owners Milo and Kay May who, along with their son Oliver, still farm it today. At only 40 acres planted, it's a special site that has rightfully developed an outstanding reputation for quality.

This wine also features a small addition of Merlot (10%) that is sourced from the venerable Seven Hills Vineyard, located a bit closer to home in the Walla Walla Valley.

## Winemaking

- Blend: 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot
- Vinification: 100% hand picked, hand sorted, and destemmed – mostly whole berry with some light crushing; a mix of hand punch downs and gentle pump overs.
- Aged: 20 months in 70% new French Oak, balance in 2nd fill French Oak (225L).
- Racked only once prior to final blending
- Bottled unfinned and unfiltered on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## Tasting Notes

In the glass, the wine is a dark ruby right to the edge. On the nose there are dried herbal notes, dusty cocoa, and dark red fruits. The palate is brighter with red fruit, cherry and spicy herbs. The wine is classically proportioned, well-balanced, and age-worthy with supple tannins contributing to a round finish.

## Technical Details

- 250 cases produced
- 14.2% ABV
- 3.8 pH
- 5.1 g/L TA
- Harvested Sep 14 (Merlot) and Oct 16 (Cabernet Sauvignon)

