



# FORGERON CELLARS

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Since 2001 Forgeron Cellars has been devoted to crafting artisanal, small-lot wines that explore the nuances of several highly respected and diverse vineyard sites throughout Washington's Columbia Valley. Showcasing the unblemished character within each varietal and revealing the unique vintage conditions of the fruit has resulted in a proud tradition of 90+ point award-winning wines.

## 2019 BLACKSMITH BLANC

Crawford Vineyard, Yakima Valley

A beautiful pale gold, this wine jumps out of the glass with aromas of apricot, pineapple, and Meyer lemon that meld into underripe peach and Key lime in the mouth. The long and scintillating finish leaves you wanting more. A delightful pairing to spinach salad with roasted pears and caramelized walnuts.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Our 2019 Blacksmith Blanc is our second vintage of this cuvée, produced entirely from the Crawford Vineyard in the Yakima Valley. Our collaboration with the Crawford family has resulted in this unique and exciting expression of white Rhône varietals grown in Washington State. Fermented and aged entirely in stainless steel, this wine is fresh and expressive, but still edgy and complex. The classic combination of Viognier and Roussanne go together like sugar and spice. The Viognier provides heightened floral aromatics, lush fruit, and fresh acidity, while the Roussanne contributes body and weight, specifically a pleasant waxy texture on the mid-palate.

### VINTAGE NOTES

2019 began with favorable, steady temperatures that suggested harvest would begin earlier than the prior year. However, as we were preparing to begin picking fruit in August temperatures around the state suddenly dropped, causing most of our fruit ripening to slow and bestowing advantageous added hangtime and acidity. We finished harvesting fruit just before an early freeze throughout Walla Walla Valley in October. Given our preference for fresh, vibrant winemaking, this vintage's exceptional, gradual entrance allowed varietals across the state to truly blossom.

#### TECHNICAL DATA

COMPOSITION: 67% Viognier, 33% Roussanne  
VINEYARD: Crawford Vineyard  
AVA: Yakima Valley  
COOPERING: 3.5 months aging, 100% Stainless Steel  
PH: 3.35 | TA: 7.6g/L | ALCOHOL: 14.0%  
HARVEST DATE: August 2019  
PRODUCTION: 491 cases  
UPC CODE: 833959008519



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