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A selection of the best from every vintage for enthusiasts who want to explore the purity of Washington State wine.

## 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon

Dionysus Vineyard, Columbia Valley

### PROFILE

Old vines produce this supple and sensual Cabernet. Classic in its elegance, this wine is approachable now but built to age. Our Cabernet Sauvignon is always lush, rich and complex. While sometimes a blend, often times a single varietal, it is always the optimal expression of that vintage and always from the most sought-after and reputable vineyards in Washington State.

### DIONYSUS VINEYARD

Located on a southwest facing slope in Pasco, Washington that overlooks the Columbia River. Planted in 1988, Dionysus has some of the oldest vines in Washington State. These old vines benefit from an established root system, regulating vigor and allowing the vines to consistently produce rich, dense and generous grapes. Our rows follow the slope towards the southwest, almost 45 degrees off due north, which allows for nearly perfect sun exposure while minimizing over-ripening. As the sun lowers down in the evenings, both sides of the canopy receive evening sun, lending incredible evenness and consistency to the fruit.

Old vine Cabernet Sauvignon has become the remarkable flagship varietal of the Dionysus Vineyard. In 2008, we started sourcing Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from Block 11 and later experimented with Petit Verdot from Block 13 which adds generous flavors and great texture. We like to do an extended maceration post-fermentation for a total time on skins up to 45 days. During maceration, we fully extract these generous grapes for depth and full flavors.

### TASTING NOTES

Cabernet Sauvignon from Dionysus Vineyard is exquisite; from the dominant black cherry profile with hints of oak and blueberry in the background to the hint of structured brightness from the Petit Verdot. The full mouth-feel that is big and thick, with candied blackberry notes that slowly evolve into the soft, velvety finish built on layers of complexity. This vintage will age gracefully through the years.

### VINTAGE NOTES

2019 started out like any other, with the potential of an earlier harvest than the previous year. With that expectation we were ready in August to begin to bring in fruit, but the weather around the Walla Walla Valley changed on us coming into the end of August and we experienced a freeze in October. While the temperature change surprised us, it allowed the fruit to ripen slowly and many varietals around Washington truly blossomed.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietal: 92% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
8% Petit Verdot  
Vineyard: Dionysus  
Appellation: Columbia Valley  
pH: 3.80 | TA: 5.9g/L | Alcohol: 14.6%

Cooperage: 26 months aging  
in French oak  
Bottled Date: March 2022  
Production: 214

