



2010 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon
Columbia Valley
Randy Dunn

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

Tasting Notes: Enticing flavors and aromas of blackberry cobbler and roasted rosemary are woven around a core of vibrant fruit. Deeply concentrated, yet soft on the palate with a firm mouth feel that coats the palate. A hint of earthiness and oak spice combine with dark black fruit to add to the wine's appealing texture and long, refined finish.

Vintage: The 2010 Columbia Valley growing season was a cooler than average year drawing comparisons to 1999, a highly-respected vintage that produced wines with excellent color, flavor and varietal character. In 2010, a cool spring delayed flowering and reduced fruit set; temperatures remained moderate throughout the summer, but by dropping clusters and opening up the leaf canopies early in the season, the vines were well-positioned to complete ripening when the warm fall weather arrived.

Winemaking: Hand-picked grapes were sorted at the winery, lightly crushed and fermented in small stainless steel tanks. To help the wine develop optimal structure and extract concentrated color and flavor, Randy increased the pump over intensity at peak fermentation. As fermentation neared completion, pumpovers were handled more gently to further develop the mouth feel without imparting harsh tannins. Once ready for barrel, the wine aged 22 months in 90% new Vicard French oak.

Vineyards: Randy's frequent visits to the Columbia Valley over the last decade have allowed him to develop a short list of preferred vineyard sites, all of which played a part in the 2010 blend. For this wine, Randy selected Dionysus Vineyard Cabernet (30%) for its dark, bright fruit character; Weinbau Cabernet (26%) to give the wines its structure and a textured mouth feel; 40-year-old vines from Sagemoor and Bacchus vineyards to build layers of complexity and a hint of minerality and earthiness; and Stone Tree Vineyard Cabernet (14%) to add dark fruit flavors and richness across the mid-palate.

Alcohol: 14.2%

pH: 3.77

TA: 0.53 grams / 100ml

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Release Date: Fall 2013

Production: 1,055 cases