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2019 RED MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON CIEL DU CHEVAL VINEYARD

With ideal soils and a dry desert climate, Red Mountain produces some of the most compelling and distinctive red wines in the New World. One of the region's oldest and most renowned vineyards, Ciel du Cheval was established in 1975, and for decades it has been the source for some of Red Mountain's most extraordinary bottlings. This barrel selection of our finest lots from Ciel du Cheval offers a classic expression of Red Mountain, combining layers of blackberry, Kirsch and violet with hints of graphite and crushed-rock minerality.

VINTAGE NOTES

Heavy winter snowfall in 2019 led to well-irrigated soils and a late budbreak. The relatively cool weather continued throughout spring and summer with temperatures in the high 80s to low 90s, and only a few days over 100° F. This allowed for beautiful flavor development balanced by ideal acid retention, producing elegant and age-worthy wines with lovely energy and character, supple tannins and bright, juicy flavors.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Combining classic Red Mountain aromas of candied cherry, sarsaparilla, sage and star anise with notions of Angostura bitters, grenadine, orange zest and juniper, this tantalizing wine draws you in with its bouquet. On the palate darker fruits emerge, with luxurious layers of blackberry and cassis mingling with subtle hints of leaf tobacco, cinnamon and spice. Throughout, shapely tannins frame the dynamic flavors while carrying the wine to a long finish with rich fruit and spice fireworks.

WINEMAKING

VINEYARD	Ciel du Cheval Vineyard
APPELLATION	Red Mountain
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged 20 months in 100% new French oak
KEY COOPERS	Boutes, Richelieu, Leroi
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PH	3.84
ACIDITY	0.62 g/100 ml



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