

CANVASBACK®

2021 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

The 2021 vintage on Red Mountain will be famous for its warm growing season and its drought conditions, which combined to produce historically low yields. While budbreak was two weeks ahead of normal thanks to a warm, dry spring, blustery weather during flowering caused some shatter leading to very low yields. A late-June heatwave led to incredible phenolic development, while a second heatwave during veraison spurred the vines towards early ripening. Harvest started early, with ideal weather throughout September and October, and concluded two weeks ahead of schedule without any pressure from frost or rain. Due to the low yields and intense midsummer heat, our 2021 wines are displaying incredible power, ripeness and concentration.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Once again, Ciel du Cheval has produced a profoundly terroir-driven wine with perfumed aromas of crushed violet and lilac, cherry pie, red raspberry, strawberry, sagebrush and pink peppercorns. The palate is supple and shapely, with a soft entry and fine, silky tannins framing the ripe red berry flavors, with hints of slivered almond and nougat emerging on the long, satisfying finish.

WINEMAKING

VINEYARD	Ciel du Cheval Vineyard
APPELLATION	Red Mountain
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged 20 months in 100% French oak 73% new, 27% neutral
KEY COOPERS	Taransaud, Orion, Boutes
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PH	3.87
ACIDITY	0.53 g/100 ml
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	Racked a total of three times, with barrel selection at each racking to achieve the perfect touch of oak.



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