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2019 RED MOUNTAIN CABERNET FRANC
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 100º 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

From its perfumed aromas of violet, lilac and potpourri to its layers of raspberry, graphite, minerals and savory herbs, this is a beautifully dynamic and complex expression of Cabernet Franc. The graphite and mineral notes are echoed on the palate, where they mingle with flavors of ripe red berries, Fuji apple, pink peppercorn and cocoa, all of which coalesce in a lovely raspberry and spice finish.

WINEMAKING

VINEYARD	Ciel du Cheval Vineyard
APPELLATION	Red Mountain
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	76% Cabernet Franc, 19% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged 20 months in 100% French oak 60% new oak, 40% neutral oak
KEY COOPERS	Taransaud, Nadalie, Boutes
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PH	3.78
ACIDITY	0.54 g/100 ml