

CANVASBACK®

2022 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

Beginning with an April snowstorm that delayed budbreak but caused no significant damage, the 2022 vintage was marked by its cool nature. While a cold, wet spring helped to saturate the soils, it also delayed flowering until mid-June. Midsummer was mild and temperate, with temperatures finally rising to 90° in late-June. With only 17 summer days over 100°, tannin formation was moderated, resulting in plush, rich textures. As harvest approached, we benefitted from an absurdly perfect stretch of warm, dry weather, with temperatures in the high 70s and low 80s throughout September and October providing extended hangtime and ideal conditions for achieving velvety tannins and great complexity. Harvest concluded on November 2nd, yielding wines with remarkable freshness, bright acidity, and profoundly expressive flavors.

WINEMAKING NOTES

This single vineyard Cabernet Franc presents a generous bouquet of red fruit aromas, layered with violet florals and earthy brambles. Notes of graphite, brown spice, cracked peppercorn and a hint of cigar box add complexity. The palate is gentle, with flavors of strawberry and raspberry chutney, red plum and cranberry, complemented by savory vanilla and thyme. The finish is long and satisfying, marked by rich, pillowy tannins.

WINEMAKING

VINEYARD	Ciel du Cheval Vineyard
APPELLATION	Red Mountain
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	80% Cabernet Franc, 12% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged 19 months in 100% French oak 75% new oak, 25% neutral oak
KEY COOPERS	Nadalie, Boutes, Atelier
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PH	3.80
ACIDITY	0.50 g/100 ml



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