

CANVASBACK®

2018 GRAND PASSAGE RED MOUNTAIN WASHINGTON STATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

For those who prize purity, concentration and layered complexity, our Grand Passage Cabernet Sauvignon embodies the essence of the Red Mountain region of Washington State. With a dry, desert-like climate, ideal southwest-facing slopes, and significant day and nighttime temperature swings, this renowned appellation yields wines of unparalleled depth and structure. Crafted using grapes from the very finest vineyards, Grand Passage represents the best of Red Mountain.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 growing season produced one of the finest vintages of the past decade. After a warm spring that resulted in an early budbreak, the early summer weather turned somewhat cool ensuring slow, gentle ripening of the fruit. A perfectly timed return to warm weather in July and August spurred a final push towards ripeness. As we began preparing for harvest, the days were cool and rain free, allowing us to pick each vineyard and block exactly when we wished. The resulting wines are dark and generous, balancing supple, polished textures with age-worthy structures that underscore the lush intensity of the dark-berried fruit flavors.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Alluring, aromatic and age-worthy, the 2018 Grand Passage invites attention from the first swirl, displaying gorgeous aromas of huckleberry, wild blackberry, blue plum and violets, with notions of bay leaf, juniper berry and cedar leaf woven into the core of dark fruit. The wonderful mix of sweet and savory elements continues on the beautifully structured palate, where bright acidity and velvety, mouth-filling tannins create a rich and dynamic framework for the luxurious floral and dark berry flavors.



WINEMAKING

VINEYARD	Quintessence Vineyard, Blackwood Canyon Vineyard	ALCOHOL	15.1%
APPELLATION	Red Mountain, Washington State	PH	3.85
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	99% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Merlot	ACIDITY	0.61g/100ml
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged 20 month oak aging, 90% new oak, 10% neutral oak, 100% French oak		
KEY COOPERS	Taransaud, Orion, Sylvain		
SELECTION	We blended the wine over two sessions at first and second rackings, with barrel selections to finely tune the oak at third and fourth rackings.		

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