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## 2021 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 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

Powerful and impeccably polished, the 2021 vintage produced an epic Grand Passage with effusive aromas of dark berry compote, currant and brambly blackberry entwined with sophisticated hints thyme, bay leaf and crushed-rocks. On the palate, alluring layers of juicy black raspberry, black currant, juniper and cedar glider across silky tannins, with mesmerizing hints of dark tobacco leaf, black tea and incense emerging throughout a vibrant and velvety finish.

### WINEMAKING

<b>VINEYARD</b>	Quintessence Vineyard	<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.5%
<b>APPELLATION</b>	Red Mountain, Washington State	<b>PH</b>	3.93
<b>VARIETAL COMPOSITION</b>	97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Malbec	<b>ACIDITY</b>	0.52 g/100 ml
<b>OAK PROFILE &amp; AGING</b>	Aged 20 months in 100% French oak 70% new, 30% neutral		
<b>KEY COOPERS</b>	Orion, Taransaud		
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>	Vines yielded a record low average of 2.5 tons per acre, leading to weight and concentration, with finessed tannins. A block and barrel selection, showing CS clones 191 and 02. This wine was carefully blended and selected from best barrels. Racked just three times.		



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