



JANUIK



2013 Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE

Over the course of the last few vintages, the Columbia Valley has seen a shift from two of this decade's cooler vintages in 2010 and 2011 to the warmest vintage of the last ten years in 2013. An early bud break was followed by warm temperatures that persisted through August. Harvest started earlier than normal but cool September temperatures slowed ripening considerably, and most grapes benefited from the drawn-out hang time that occurred because of these cooler temperatures.

VINEYARDS

One of the advantages of having made wine in the Columbia Valley since the mid-1980s is the opportunity it's given me to work with some of the most dedicated growers in the industry. Our Columbia Valley wines are made from a short list of vineyards I consider to be among the best in the state. The diversity of these vineyards-representing many of the most mature, carefully managed sites in Washington-provides for a full range of fruit expression that allows me to craft complex, multi-layered wines true to Columbia Valley *terroir* as well as the varietal character of the grapes. Our 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon includes grapes from Weinbau, Lady Hawk, Champoux, Shaw and Obelisco vineyards.

WINEMAKING

After destemming and crushing, grapes were fermented on their skins for an average of 8 days. After being pressed off, the wine was aged for 20 months in equal amounts of new and once used French Oak barrels to improve its already lengthy finish. Racking every 5 months helped create a wine with considerable structure and suppleness.

TASTING NOTES

This concentrated, full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon is overflowing with dark fruit, spice, and cassis followed by warm vanilla notes in the nose. Its texture is quite supple and lingers across the palate, imparting a long, polished finish that was developed in part from the use of new French Oak barrels.


Mike Januik, owner/winemaker



ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Total Acidity.....	0.55g/100ml
pH.....	3.74
Blend.....	95% Cabernet Sauvignon 4% Merlot 1% Cabernet Franc
Cases.....	1,704
Bottling Date.....	June 30, 2015