

Rhapsody in Red

2020 | COLUMBIA VALLEY



39% Konnowac Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon
35% Olsen Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon
10% Wallula Vineyard Merlot
10% Dionysus Petit Verdot
6% Wallula Vineyard Cabernet Franc

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Alcohol: 14.0%

pH: 3.52

Residual Sugar: <0.01 g/liter

Titrateable Acidity: 5.8 g/liter

Volatile Acidity: 0.57 g/liter

Cases Produced: 230



Harvest and Winemaking

2020 may go down as one of the best vintages of recent years. The spring was perfect as the vines had plenty of water from heavy winter snow fall. Summer was quite warm and dry. However 10 days of forest fire smoke that hung over the Western United States during September. Fortunately we have found zero to minimal impact from smoke on our wines.

Rhapsody in Red is a Cabernet Sauvignon dominate Bordeaux style blend. We blended two lots of Cabernet Sauvignon with small amounts of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot to create a wine that is unique and superior to each of its component parts.

All the grapes were hand-picked, hand-sorted, and destemmed whole berry. The individual lots were fermented with yeast specific for the grape variety and aged in French oak for 8 months prior to blending and return to barrels for an additional 12 months barrel aging. Rhapsody was elevated in 25% new French Oak barrels and bottled unfined and unfiltered.

Tasting Notes

The wine has a lovely dark red hue. Aromas leap from the glass after pouring. Initial notes are seductive and sensual aromas of dark Bing cherries, black currant, lilac oil, oak

lactone, and wind-blown dried herbs. The initial texture is tight and balanced. The mid-palate has encompassing flavors of cherry liqueur, black currant, tobacco leaf, floral notes of lilac and lavender. Texture is plush but has proper acidity and tannins for balance. The finish is long and lingering. Wow!

The Rhapsody in is the Goldilocks zone of ready to enjoy but will age very well.

Thoughts on Vineyards and Red Blends

The goal of a Bordeaux blend is to create a wine better than the sum of its parts. We take excellent and balanced Cabernet Sauvignon and blend with the other Bordeaux varieties. Merlot helps to soften the tannins and increase the mid-pallet density. Cabernet Franc enhances the aromas and softens the tannins. Petit Verdot increases the color and mouthfeel density.

Ingredients & Additions

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot, and Cabernet Franc, yeast, yeast nutrients, tartaric acid, French oak, and sulfur dioxide.

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