



TASTING NOTES

2001 Columbia Valley

Batchelor's Button Cabernet Sauvignon

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90 percent Cabernet Sauvignon (Kiona Vineyard • Sundance Vineyard)

10 percent Merlot (Sundance Vineyard)

Winemakers' Notes

All grapes were destemmed and gravity fed into one ton open top fermentors. The must was inoculated with L2226 yeast and punched down twice daily until dryness. No color enzymes or aroma enhancing enzymes were added. The wine was placed in 90% new French Oak (Allier and Tronçais) and 10% new American Oak for 19 months. Racked four times and bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

Aromas of Cigar Box, Cedar, chocolate & black currents. Lovely entry, a rich middle and a very long finish. This is a wine that has wonderful aging potential because of the balance between the tannins and acidity. Kiona provides power and intensity. Sundance adds grace and elegance. Merlot was blended to add richness to the middle of the wine and soften the tannins.

450 cases bottled on April 7th, 2003

Award: 2003 Jefferson Cup – "Great Red Wine".
88 Points Wine Spectator