2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Klipsun Vineyard, Columbia Valley AVA



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

We've been working with the Klipsun Vineyard for many years now, and we love how consistent its Cabernet Sauvignon fruit is. The Red Mountain area in eastern Washington has a dry climate but cool nights and produces fully ripe Cabernet with developed fruit and earth flavors. With its deep ruby color this Cabernet delivers powerful aromas of toasted oak, and summer berries. Filling the palate you'll taste notes of Marionberry, clay earth, and flame-grilled bell peppers, all surrounded by a smooth mouthfeel with a tannin base note. Drink now or cellar until 2029.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Harvest date:9/16/2019Brix:24.9°pH:3.85Alcohol:14.7%RS:1.6 g/L

AVA: Blend: Aging: New Oak: Skin contact: Red Mountain, WA 100% Cabernet Sauvignon 18 Months 30% 18 days

THE VINTAGE

After a string of five warmer vintages starting in 2014, the 2019 vintage marks the return of a cool vintage for the Willamette Valley. A relatively mild winter at the end of 2018 was followed by a cold and wet start to 2019. After the cool winter rains relaxed, we were welcomed into early spring with warmer than average temperatures and several long days of sunshine. The sun-filled warm spring days provided our vines an ideal start to the growing season. For the majority of the growing season, we were treated to near-perfect conditions. Long and warm, but not hot, early summer days gave way to cool evenings that allowed the vines to relax. Even with a fantastic growing season, the vintage will be remembered for the early rains in September and rapid cool down into October which challenged harvesting decisions – Patience was key for 2019. Even with the sudden cool down and rain showers, Oregon has carved a reputation for cooler vintages like this. Vintages that produce the complexity and aromatics, along with lower alcohol levels, that people have come to expect from Oregon.

THE SOLÉNA STORY

Soléna is a combination of Spanish and French words Solana and Soleil, celebrating the sun, the moon and cycles of life. We were launched in May of 2000 when our owners purchased our 80-acre estate which became the Domaine Danielle Laurent vineyard. Furthering their successful careers in the Oregon wine industry, Laurent Montalieu and Danielle Andrus Montalieu gifted this vineyard to each other for their wedding, and began making wine under the label named Soléna after their daughter.

Soléna Estate showcases the beauty of terroir in our site-specific wines. We craft delicious wine from our own estate vineyards in Yamhill-Carlton and McMinnville AVAs, as well as iconic single-vineyards around the Northwest. We're well known for consistent, ageable Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, and Cabernet Sauvignon. However, our entrepreneurial spirit means we keep expanding our offerings. Visit our picturesque vineyard and tasting room in Yamhill, Oregon and raise a glass to celebrate friends, family, and life!

