

RESERVE CLUB

Reserve wines are a mystery to the consumer. What, exactly, does the term “Reserve” mean, anyway? Most folks translate this as the best a winery has to offer, or at least the most expensive. While there should be some truth to this, the definition of Reserve is much more than that. A reserve wine, traditionally, implies that the wine spent extra time in the barrel - and the bottle - before being released to the public. The idea here is to allow the wine to mature further than other wines before releasing it. As opposed to wine tanks, barrels allow the wine to breathe and, therefore, grow up quicker the longer you keep the wine in them. In addition, the extra time in the barrel supplies the wine with added layers of aroma and flavor. Committing to this extra time in barrel is a cost to the producer, so selecting your preferred vineyard sites, vintages, and varietals are all important considerations.



This year's Reserve Club features a wide variety of wines, and some of our very best. Our very first **Reserve Homage**, a dark and luscious Bordeaux blend, is introduced. **Reserve Paisan**, a Tuscan-style blend of Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon, is included, as is the return of **Reserve Avanzo**, the best-tasting leftovers you'll ever have. The latest version of **Reserve Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon**, maybe our most impressive “Big Red” wine, is here, and the two Piedmont rock stars, **Reserve Barbera and Nebbiolo**, round out the package.

All of these wines spent extra time in barrel, ranging from 16 to 28 months. And despite their ability to age for years to come, they all have immediate drinkability. Enjoy!

*With good cheer,
~All of us Cascade Cliffs Vineyard & Winery*

2024 Reserve Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon

Varietals: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard: 100% Quintessence

Appellation: Red Mountain

Aging: 16 months in American Oak

Cases produced: 500

Profile: Another superstar vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon from the vaunted Quintessence Vineyard in the Red Mountain AVA. Rich, yet balanced with firm tannins and soft acidity, this wine is sure to please both consumers and critics. Dark cherry and cassis flavors mingle with subtle layers of fall spices and toasty maple. Delicious right now, it will continue to improve in the bottle for years to come.

Drink: Now to 2035

2023 Reserve Avanzo

Varietals: 43% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Barbera, 23% Petite Sirah, 7% Sangiovese

Vineyard: 89% McKinley Springs, 11% Quintessence

Appellation: Columbia Valley

Aging: 28 months in American Oak

Cases produced: 320

Profile: This French-Italian blend has become one of our more popular wines in the past few years, and for good reason. The new 2023 vintage combines the muscle of Cabernet Sauvignon (43%) and Petite Sirah (23%) with the Italian flare of Barbera (27%) and Sangiovese (7%). The result is a fascinating, utterly delicious red wine. Aged in barrel for 28 months, it shows off maturity, depth, and complexity.

Drink: Now to 2031

2023 Reserve Paisan

Varietals: 52% Sangiovese, 48% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard: 52% McKinley Springs, 48% Quintessence

Appellation: Columbia Valley

Aging: 28 months in American Oak

Cases produced: 500

Profile: Our beloved Tuscan blend, "Paisan", gets an upgrade in power and complexity as it aged 28 months in barrel. Combining 52% Sangiovese from Horse Heaven Hills with 48% Cabernet Sauvignon from Red Mountain, this version of Paisan is a legit "Super Tuscan". Bright red cherry and berry flavors are backed by darker fruit on the mid-palate, while the acidity and dusty tannins work to clean things up nicely on the finish.

Drink: Now to 2032

2024 Reserve Estate Barbera

Varietals: 100% Barbera

Vineyard: 100% Cascade Cliffs

Appellation: Columbia Hills

Aging: 16 months in American Oak

Cases produced: 320

Profile: This vintage of Estate Barbera is a throwback to the more traditional style of Italian Barbera- bright, intense, and demanding. Flavors of Rainier cherry, wild raspberry, and cran-apple are followed by a long, mouth-watering finish. This is a great wine to pair with rich, Italian dishes. Thanks to the wine's high acidity, it will also age well.

Drink: Now to 2033

2024 Reserve Nebbiolo

Varietals: 100% Nebbiolo

Vineyard: 100% McKinley Springs

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Aging: 16 months in American Oak

Cases produced: 320

Profile: While most of our red wines are fruit-forward and intense, our Nebbiolo is the exception. Subtle and nuanced, flavors of dried figs and cherry slowly give way to sweet herbs and toast on the palate. Our latest Reserve Nebbiolo is graceful and thought-provoking, a wine to share with fellow wine lovers. Enjoy now or hold for more complex treat in the future.

Drink: Now to 2033

2023 Reserve Homage

Varietals: 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot, 28% Malbec

Vineyard: 52% McKinley Springs, 29% Cascade Cliffs, 19% Candy Mountain.

Appellation: Columbia Valley

Aging: 20 months in American Oak

Cases produced: 500

Profile: Well, it's about time... A classic Bordeaux-style blend deserves a Reserve version, and here it is. The three Bordeaux varietals used to make our very first Reserve Homage all work together to create a strong, yet supple array of dark cherry/berry flavors from start to finish. The tannins provide great structure, but are not overpowering, allowing the fruit to remain the star of the show.

Drink: Now to 2033