

## RESERVE CLUB

**B**elieve it or not, the term “Reserve” doesn’t mean very much in America’s wine industry. It should have some clear and definitive facts that tell the customer what this translates to. Unfortunately, this is not the case, allowing American producers to use this term almost freely and without much responsibility.

Historically, a Reserve or *Reserva* wine was a wine that spent extra time

in the barrel and the bottle before releasing it to the public. This is still the legal definition of Reserve wines in most parts of the world, including Italy, France, and Spain.

Our philosophy on Reserve wines follows this tradition, as these red wines spend more time in barrel (20 + months) than our other barrel-aged wines. Moreover, we select particular lots of wine, based on the varietal, vineyard source, and overall quality for this program. Typically, wines like Cabernet Sauvignon, Barbera, and Nebbiolo are candidates for the Reserve program. Occasionally, we’ll make a Reserve blend like our Avanzo or Paisan. And this year we decided to make a **Reserve Sangiovese**, which turned out beautiful. Most wine drinkers think of Sangiovese as a medium-bodied red, versatile, and best enjoyed with Italian food. But there are bigger, more complex versions of this varietal like, Brunello, Vino Nobile, and even Chianti Classico Reserva. The idea here is to give the wine time to mature more fully in barrel - which is more effective and efficient than bottle aging. In addition to this wine, we’ve included past vintages of our **Reserve Nebbiolo and Avanzo**, as well as the new releases of **Reserve Blood Red Barbera, Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon, and Nebbiolo**.

These are special wines, made with careful attention to highlight their unique character. We hope you enjoy them as much as we do! Dig in now if you’d like or hold them for a future treat.

*With good cheer,*

*~All of us Cascade Cliffs Vineyard & Winery*



**2023 Reserve Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon**

*Varietals:* 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

*Vineyard:* 100% Quintessence

*Appellation:* Red Mountain

*Aging:* 20 months in American Oak

*Cases produced:* 320

*Profile:* Our Reserve Red Mountain Cab has become one of our most celebrated and impressive wines, winning Gold, Double Gold, and Platinum medals. The 2023 vintage is no exception, displaying an impressive structure and a generous flavor profile for a wine so young. There's a reason why we submit these wines to competitions... Made from Quintessence Vineyard fruit in the Red Mountain AVA, this is an excellent example of how good WA State Cabernet Sauvignon can be. Heady aromas of clove and spiced fruit are followed by mouth-watering flavors of black cherry, black currant, and sweet herbs.

*Drink:* Now to 2034

**2022 Reserve Avanzo**

*Varietals:* 42% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18%

Barbera, 10% Nebbiolo, 7% Syrah

*Vineyard:* 31 % McKinley Springs, 22% Scootney Flats, 21% Rattlesnake Hills, 14% Cascade Cliffs, 7% Chukar Ridge, 5% Quintessence

*Appellation:* Columbia Valley

*Aging:* 18 months in American Oak

*Cases produced:* 320

*Profile:* A fancy, Italian word for "leftover", Avanzo has become a cult favorite with the Cascade Cliffs loyal. This vintage, we broke free from the Super Piedmont style and went rogue with a blend of 42% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Barbera, 10% Nebbiolo, and 7% Syrah. Call it a French-Italian hybrid. The dark, plush fruit from the Cab, Merlot, and Syrah, dance effortlessly with the brighter, edgier aspects of Barbera and Nebbiolo, creating a gorgeous waltz of flavors and textures. Here is a wine that will please anyone and everyone, full of twists and turns that will age well for many years.

*Drink:* Now to 2030

**2023 Reserve Nebbiolo**

*Varietals:* 100% Nebbiolo

*Vineyard:* 64% McKinley Springs, 36% Cascade Cliffs

*Appellation:* Columbia Valley

*Aging:* 20 months in American Oak

*Cases produced:* 325

*Profile:* Like most all of our 2023 vintage red wine, our latest RSV Nebbiolo is ripe and generous at an early age. The typical dry character of this varietal is still present, but layered with subtle flavors of wild strawberry and dried cherry. You'll enjoy this wine even more with Italian dishes like wild mushroom risotto or even grilled salmon. Enjoyable now, this wine can also be laid down to gain more complexity in years to come.

*Drink:* Now to 2032

**2023 Reserve Blood Red Barbera**

*Varietals:* 100% Barbera

*Vineyard:* 100% McKinley Springs

*Appellation:* Horse Heaven Hills

*Aging:* 20 months in American Oak

*Cases produced:* 660

*Profile:* The 2023 Blood Red Barbera (BRB) was released early this year, and it quickly gained a reputation as being one of the more "Blood Red" Blood Red Barbaras... In other words, this vintage of BRB is an incredibly rich, fruit-forward wine, packed with juicy cherry and dark berry flavors from start to finish. We held back a number of barrels to age longer, realizing this might be one of the better Reserve Blood Red Barbera wines we've made. Aged for 20 months in half-new, half-used barrels, the wine picked up even more layers of toasty flavors, yet still has the varietal's trademark brightness on the finish. A powerful and delicious treat for the senses.

*Drink:* Now until 2031

**2022 Reserve Nebbiolo**

*Varietals:* 100% Nebbiolo

*Vineyard:* 100% McKinley Springs

*Appellation:* Horse Heaven Hills

*Aging:* 20 months in American Oak

*Cases produced:* 500

*Profile:* Nebbiolo might be the most mysterious wine in the world, lighter in color than most red wines, yet full of intriguing, complex flavors like dried cherries, herbal tea, and fall spices. The attack is subtle, but the finish is strong and demanding. Made from 100% McKinley Springs Vineyard, this is a beautiful, elegant wine to pair with gourmet meals, celebrations, or a gathering with your cork-dork friends. And due to its naturally high tannin and acidity, a wine that can be safely laid down for years.

*Drink:* Now to 2032

**2023 Reserve Sangiovese**

*Varietals:* 100% Sangiovese

*Vineyard:* 100% McKinley Springs

*Appellation:* Horse Heaven Hills

*Aging:* 20 months in American Oak

*Cases produced:* 325

*Profile:* It's about time... We've been producing Sangiovese for many years now, using this classic Italian varietal to make single-varietal and blended wines. And now, here is your first Reserve version of Sangiovese, a bigger, bolder example that is reminiscent of the great Brunello wines of Montalcino. Made from McKinley Springs fruit from the Horse Heaven Hills AVA, this wine has the classic brightness of Sangiovese with a dreamy combination of bright red and deep, dark fruit on the palate. Dusty tannins and a long, dry finish wrap things up nicely on the finish. Aged for 20 months in half-new, half-used barrels, this is a delicious tribute to the "Blood of Italy".

*Drink:* Now to 2033