

## *BORDEAUX CLUB*

**T**he Bordeaux Club is designed for lovers of Bordeaux varietals, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot, and blends that have these varietals in them. The wine industry of Washington state is best known for these classic wines, and they are some of the most planted varietals here. This package contains a great cross-section of our Bordeaux varietals, including one of our recently bottled Reserve wines (**2023 Reserve Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon**). We've also included the **2023 Winemaker's Select/Red Mountain Malbec**, the **2022 Red Mountain Merlot**, and our latest Bordeaux blend, the **2023 "Homage"**. All four of these wine are drinking excellent right now, but will improve with more time in the bottle.



Did you know? Our Cabernet Sauvignon wines are among our most decorated, having won numerous awards over the years. Most recently, our 2022 Winemaker's Select/Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon won a Gold Medal/91 pts at the Seattle Wine Awards. Our 2022 Reserve Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon received a Double-Gold at the Great NW Wine awards, and the 2020 Reserve Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon received a Double-Platinum/97 points from Great NW Wine's Platinum judging.

Did you also know? The very first vine planted on our property was Merlot, back in 1986. Over the years, we have bottled single-varietal, Estate Grown Merlot, as well as other single-varietal Merlot, made from other vineyards. We have also used Merlot in many of our blends, including Homage, Paisan, Avanzo, and Goat Head Red.

And did you know this? We began working with Malbec over 10 years ago, purchasing high-quality fruit from AVAs like Wahluke Slope, Horse Heaven Hills, and Red Mountain. Like Merlot, we have utilized Malbec for a variety of single-varietal and blended wines.

Thank you all for your participation in our Bordeaux Club! We hope you enjoy these wines, and have a wonderful holiday season.

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

**2023 Winemaker's Select Malbec***Varietals:* 100% Malbec*Vineyard:* 100% Stanton*Appellation:* Red Mountain*Aging:* 6 months in American Oak*Cases produced:* 320

*Profile:* Our latest Red Mountain Malbec continues to showcase how Red Mountain fruit offers the best of Bordeaux varietals in Washington State. When Malbec is made at this level, it offers an impressive combination of Cab Sauv's power and Merlot's plush fruit. Dark cherry/berry flavors are wrapped nicely by sweet tannins and a firm, long finish. Pairing this wine with beef and lamb dishes is a natural fit and will be for many years to come.

*Drink:* Now to 2031.**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**A brief history: Cascade Cliffs and Bordeaux varietals.**

- **1986:** Merlot was planted on our Wishram property, marking the first planting here.
- **1998:** A year after Bob takes ownership of the vineyard & winery, he plants Cabernet Sauvignon in the vineyard.
- **Approximately 2011:** Malbec was introduced to our product line-up. We have sourced Malbec from local growers in the Columbia Gorge, Wahluke Slope, Horse Heaven Hills, and now Red Mountain.
- **2012:** After multiple awards and a growing demand for the wines made from these three varietals (including several blends), we created "The Bordeaux Club".

**2022 Red Mountain Merlot***Varietals:* 100% Merlot*Vineyard:* 85% Scooteney Flats, 15% Rattlesnake Hills.*Appellation:* Red Mountain.*Aging:* 12 months in American Oak*Cases produced:* 580

*Profile:* Our 2022 Merlot relies heavily on Red Mountain fruit, with a touch of fruit from Rattlesnake Hills, near Yakima. Plush and easy-drinking, this wine can still hold up to heavy foods and will age well for years to come. Black plum and cherry flavors are wrapped up nicely by moderate tannins and acidity. A great sipping wine, yet serious and age-worthy.

*Drink:* Now to 2030.**CONTACT US!***Web: [cascadecriffs.com](http://cascadecriffs.com) ~ Facebook and Instagram: #cascadecriffs*

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