



2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Klipsun Vineyard, Red Mountain

Vineyard: Klipsun Vineyard, Red Mountain

Grapes: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage: Warm growing conditions, moderate heat unit accumulation spread throughout the ripening season, normal yields

Ageing: 22 Months in French Oak Barrels, 40% new

Aroma: Red cherries, cocoa, mineral, herbs, spice

Taste: Black cherry, plum cobbler, dried herbs, white pepper, chalky tannin

Vegan: Yes

Alcohol: 14.4%

Lot size: 96 cases

Winemaker's Notes

Planted in 1983, Klipsun Vineyard is one of the oldest and most famous vineyards on Red Mountain, the smallest AVA in Washington State. I have produced a single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon from the same block, on the windward side of the vineyard overlooking the Yakima river since 1991 and find it to be one of the most distinctive sites I have worked with in three decades of winemaking.

The wine is dense, with dark ruby color and aromas of ripe black cherries, licorice, mint, pencil shavings, and sage. The wine is rich and generous on the palate with ripe red and black fruits framed by considerable chalky tannins and white pepper spice. This wine will improve significantly with cellaring over the first five years and will hold nicely and continue to develop for ten to fifteen years from vintage date.

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