



## 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley

**Vineyards:** Select hand farmed and hand harvested vineyards in Walla Walla Valley, Red Mountain, Horse Heaven Hills, Wahluke Slope and Yakima AVAs

**Grapes:** 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot, 3% Malbec, 2% Merlot

**Vintage:** Very warm growing conditions, with strong heat unit accumulation producing small berries with opulent fruit framed by firm tannin structure

**Ageing:** Small, open top fermenters. Aged 18 months in French, American, Russian, and Hungarian oak, 35% new

**Aroma:** Boysenberry, pomegranate, toasted hazelnut, pie crust, cinnamon, lilac

**Taste:** Round and opulent red cherry, raspberry, vanilla cream, sarsaparilla, coffee, firm earthy tannin

**Vegan:** Yes

**Alcohol:** 13.9%

**Lot size:** 8500 cases

## Winemaker's Notes

Since our first planting in 1980, our central focus at Seven Hills has been growing and making Cabernet Sauvignon that expresses the unique terroir of our region. This wine is drawn from some of the best small, hand farmed vineyards, carefully selected from our favorite sub-AVAs of the Columbia Valley. We believe this wine expresses the unique personality of Cabernet Sauvignon from our region - generous and pleasing, yet well-structured and powerful.

After careful vinification in small, open top fermenters, the wine was aged for 18 months in a selection of French, American, Hungarian, and Russian oaks which contribute a broad spectrum of baking spices to the aroma. The wine has generous and supple red cherry, currant, and raspberry fruit character accented with sarsaparilla, vanilla cream, coffee, cinnamon, violets and pie crust notes. The wine is well framed by firm but fine grained tannins, adding nice earthy character and distinctive cabernet "grip". It is rich and accessible at release, but has the underlying tannin to improve for 4-6 years from vintage date, and is capable of cellaring up to 10 years.

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