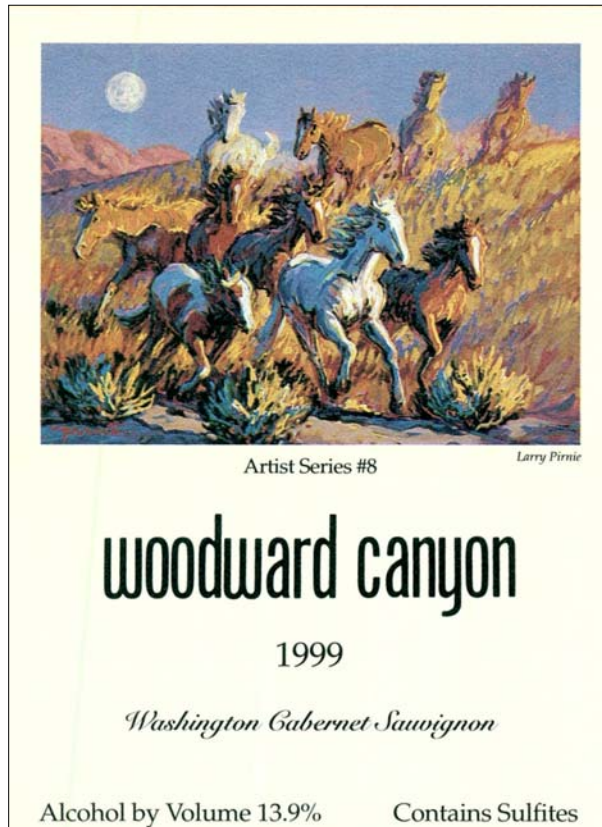


woodward canyon winery

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Varietal composition

79% cabernet sauvignon

17% merlot

4% cabernet franc

Alcohol

13.9% by volume

Time in oak

18 months

Bottling date

April 25 & 26, 2001

Release date

September 2001

Production

3,151 cases

This 1999 cabernet sauvignon was produced from grapes grown at Canoe Ridge, Champoux, and Klipsun vineyards in the southeastern portion of the Columbia Valley, and Pepper Bridge and Woodward Canyon Estate vineyards in the Walla Walla Valley. All of the grapes were harvested by hand and sorted prior to crushing.

The 1999 vintage was, over all, a cooler vintage than 1998. In fact, there were legitimate concerns in several growing areas that fruit may not have ripened fully, therefore, some vineyards were thinned. An Indian Summer arrived in early September and conditions were perfect for slowly ripening fruit, giving better overall proportion and balance than the 1998. This cabernet sauvignon was punched down and pumped over in small stainless steel tanks three or four times per day. Fermentation length varied between five and fourteen days. After gentle pressing and racking, the wine was moved to new French barrels for aging. The wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered in late April of 2001.

This wine is integrated with spicy new oak, generous black fruits, a silky texture, and deep purple/red color. The wine is beautifully proportioned with a long finish of cassis, chocolate-covered cherries, mocha, and vanilla. This enticing cabernet will benefit significantly with additional bottle age and should easily age for fifteen years with proper storage.