



2018 "ARTIST SERIES #27" CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Our Woodward Canyon "Artist Series" began in 1992 with the intent to showcase the finest cabernet sauvignon in Washington State and has since become our flagship wine. The vineyards used in the "Artist Series" are among the oldest and most highly regarded in the state, typical vine age is around 25 years old. The label changes every year with work from a different Pacific Northwest artist. The 2018 vintage was a warm and dry vintage with average crop yields for most blocks.

ACCLAIM

93 Points, *Washington Wine Blog*

92 Points, *Vinous*

91 Points, *Wine & Spirits*

90 Points, *Wine Enthusiast*

94+ Points, *Jeb Dunnuck (v2017)*

VINEYARDS

Champoux Vineyard - Founded in 1972 and located in Alderdale Washington within the Horse Heaven Hills AVA. Woodward Canyon has been sourcing from Champoux since 1981. In 1996 Woodward Canyon and fellow Washington State producers Powers/Badger Mountain Winery, Quilceda Creek Winery, and Andrew Will Winery became joint owners. Malaga gravelly fine sandy loam - glacial outwash; warden silt loam - loess over lacustrine deposits; Sagehill fine sandy loam - lacustrine deposits with a mantle of loess. Slope 3%, 650ft elevation.

Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard - Established in 1976, Woodward Canyon is the westernmost vineyard in Walla Walla Valley AVA, roughly 15 miles west of Walla Walla, Washington. There are 41 vineyard acres planted and several more acres of green belts that support native species such as western juniper, ponderosa pine, western sagebrush, arrowleaf balsamroot, and perennial wildflowers. Ritzville silt loam over fractured basalt, slope 15-18%, 750-850ft elevation. Managed by Woodward Canyon. All grapes are Salmon Safe certified.

Weinbau Vineyard - Weinbau has a view of the Rattlesnake Mountains to the south, and the Saddle Mountains to the north. The land slopes gently south, with elevation ranging from 710-950 feet. Weinbau is a warm site with excellent air drainage, and the soil is dominated by Kennewick silt loam with a 2-5% slope. The consistency of soil type shows up in vine growth and subsequently in the wines.

Sagemoor Vineyard - Founded in 1968, Sagemoor Vineyards was a pioneering effort that helped establish the Washington State wine industry. Its early vineyards are among the oldest large-scale plantings of vinifera grapes in the State. Rick has been sourcing from Sagemoor since his days as a home winemaker in the 1970's. Quincy loamy fine sand, 0-15% slope, Sagehill very fine sandy loam, 2-10% slope. 572ft elevation.

TASTING NOTES

This beautiful and dark red-purple wine shows a complex nose of spiced black fruits, herbs, and lead pencil that integrate beautifully with the subtle attractive oak. In the mouth, the wine is rich and elegant, showing ripe fruit, nice balance, and proportion, with herbs, and tobacco. Integrated tannins enhance the texture; the finish is complex, generous, and long. While this wine can be enjoyed now it will benefit greatly from additional cellaring and, with proper storage, should develop for ten years or more. Pair this beauty with your favorite roasted meats and cheeses.



WINE DATA

Varietal composition:
80% Cabernet Sauvignon,
10% Merlot, 7% Petit Verdot,
3% Syrah

Alcohol: 14.5%

Bottling Date: August 28, 2020

Release Date: October 2020

MSRP: \$59

Case Production: 3347 cases 750 ml

WINEMAKING

Hand harvested and sorted

48 hour cold soak

Fermented in 2 ton stainless steel
open top fermenters

28% new French Barrels, 22 months

Spontaneous malolactic
fermentation