



WOODWARD CANYON

2019 ARTIST SERIES #28 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 26 years old. The label changes every year with work from a different West Coast artist. The 2019 vintage was warm and dry with average crop yields for most blocks.

ACCLAIM

- 94 Points, *International Wine Report* (v2019)
- 93 Points, *Vinous* (v2019)
- 93 Points, *James Suckling* (v2019)
- 91 Points & Cellar Selection, *Wine Enthusiast* (v2019)
- 94+ Points, *Jeb Dunnuck* (v2018)
- 93 Points, *Washington Wine Blog* (v2018)

VINEYARDS

Champoux Vineyard (44%)

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 (35%)

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.

Wallula Vineyard (12%)

The vineyard is planted on south-facing slopes which vary from 2% up to 30% grade, and its perimeter totals nine miles of varied terrain. Of this perimeter, the shore of the Columbia River provides nearly three and a half miles of waterfront. From the river's edge at 320 feet above sea level, the property climbs to its peak elevation of 1,367 feet, over a distance of nearly three and a half miles.

Weinbau Vineyard (9%)

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.

TASTING NOTES

This beautiful and dark garnet wine shows a complex nose of black fruits, chili powder, tomato, 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. 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 with your favorite flavor-packed family style meals from tapas to Thanksgiving dinner- this wine can match a wide range of cuisines. Store and serve at cellar temperature.

WINE DATA

Varietal Composition:

93% Cabernet Sauvignon,

7% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 14.8%

Bottling Date: July 2021

Release Date: November 2021

MSRP: \$59

Case Production: 1,576 cases

WINEMAKING

Hand harvested and sorted

48 hour cold soak

Fermented in 2-ton stainless steel

open top fermenters

54% new French Barrels, 14% new

Hungarian oak, 22 months

Spontaneous malolactic fermentation

ARTIST DATA

"Vineyard Flowers"

Papercut + Watercolor, 9" x 12", 2021

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