



WOODWARD CANYON

2019 "OLD VINES" CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The "Old Vines" Cabernet Sauvignon (originally "Dedication Series") has been in production since the bonding of the winery in 1981. Primary sourcing has always come from the oldest blocks of Champoux and Sagemoor Vineyards, some of the oldest cabernet blocks in the state. The 1987 vintage was the first Washington wine to be on Wine Spectator's Top 10 list. This is a full-bodied cabernet and will typically age well with proper cellar conditions, 15+ years from vintage. Produced and bottled at Woodward Canyon Winery.

ACCLAIM

95 Points, *Vinous* (v2019)
92 Points & Cellar Selection, *Wine Enthusiast* (v2019)
Platinum, *2021 Great NW Wine Platinum Awards* (v2019)
Double Gold, *2021 Great NW Invitational* (v2019)
96 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck* (v2018)
95 Points, *Washington Wine Blog* (v2018)
93 Points & Cellar Selection, *Wine Enthusiast* (v2018)
93 Points, *JamesSuckling.com* (v2018)
92 Points, *Wine & Spirits* (v2018)

VINEYARDS

Sagemoor Vineyard (60%)

Founded in 1968, Sagemoor Vineyards was a pioneering effort that helped establish the Washington State wine industry. Its early vineyards are among the oldest plantings of vinifera grapes in the state. Rick began using Sagemoor fruit in his home winemaking days, and we continue to use it today. A significant number of 1972 plantings are still producing our "Old Vines" Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from specific rows in Blocks 3 and 9. Quinicy loamy fine sand, Sagehill very fine sandy loam, 2-10% slope. 572ft elevation.

Weinbau Vineyard (24%)

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.

Champoux Vineyard (8%)

Founded in 1972 and located in Alderdale Washington within the Horse Heaven Hills AVA, Champoux's original plantings of the famed "Block One" Cabernet Sauvignon are regarded as being among the oldest and finest in Washington State and are a key component of our "Old Vines". 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 over lacustrine deposits, glacial outwash. Slope 3%, 650ft elevation.

Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard (8%)

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.

TASTING NOTES

This release of the "Old Vines" Cabernet Sauvignon is dark purple and dense in the glass. Intermingling aromas of fig jam, olive, butterscotch, and coffee develop with a rich concentration of ripe black fruits and pipe tobacco. The new French oak beautifully integrates the fruit, acid, and alcohol creating a nice weight, texture, and overall mouthfeel. The smooth but firm tannins leave you with a rich, long finish. It expresses the purity of fully mature cabernet sauvignon fruit that can only be achieved from old vine fruit. This will pair nicely with filet mignon and roasted Brussels sprouts. Store and serve at cellar temperature.



WINE DATA

Varietal Composition: 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot, 4% Malbec

Alcohol: 14.9%

Bottling Date: July 2021

Release Date: November 2021

MSRP: \$99

Case Production: 580 cases

WINEMAKING

Hand harvested and sorted

48 hour cold soak

Fermented in 2-ton stainless steel fermenters

100% New French Barrels, 22 months

Spontaneous malolactic fermentation