



## WOODWARD CANYON

# 2020 ARTIST SERIES #29 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 30 years old. The label changes every year with work from a different West Coast artist.

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93 Points, *Owen Bargreen*

92 Points, *Vinous*

94 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck (v2019)*

94 Points, *International Wine Report (v2019)*

93 Points, *James Suckling (v2019)*

### VINEYARDS

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#### Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard

Planted in 1977, Woodward Canyon is the westernmost vineyard in the 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 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. Quincy loamy fine sand, Sagehill very fine sandy loam, 2-10% slope. 572ft elevation.

#### Wallula Vineyard

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.

### TASTING NOTES

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This wine is dark garnet in color and begins with an inviting nose of black fruits, crème brûlée, and tart cherry that integrate seamlessly with the subtle, attractive oak. In the mouth, the wine is rich and elegant, showing a nice balance of ripe fruit, black currants, and light green herbs. Integrated tannins enhance the texture leaving you with a complex, generous, and long finish. 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 a ribeye steak, Wagyu ham-



### WINE DATA

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#### Varietal Composition:

76% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
12% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Franc,  
4% Merlot, 1% Syrah, 1% Barbera,  
1% Dolcetto

**Alcohol:** 14.8%

**Bottling Date:** June 7, 2022

**Release Date:** October 2022

**MSRP:** \$59

**Case Production:** 1,576 cases

### WINEMAKING

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Hand harvested and sorted  
48 hour cold soak  
Fermented in 1.5-ton stainless steel  
open top fermenters  
39% new French and Hungarian oak,  
20 months  
Spontaneous malolactic fermentation

### ARTIST DATA

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“Vitruvius Day”  
Acrylic on canvas, 24” x 24”, 2021  
Michael Schultheis