

FOOLHARDY

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2019
RED WILLOW
CABERNET
SAUVIGNON
YAKIMA VALLEY



2019 Red Willow Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Yakima Valley

Vineyards (year planted): Red Willow (1991)

Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Cooperage: 100% French oak - 60% New (Cavin, Sylvain)

Alcohol: 14.3%

pH: 3.74

Aging: 21 months in French oak barrels

Bottling Date: August 3, 2021

Production: 2 barrels

Tasting Notes

We're thrilled by the quality, complexity and refinement of the 2019 Red Willow, our first bottling of a single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon. From the start of Foolhardy in 2016, Dan and Jonathan agreed that blending fruit sources from different vineyards was the key to achieving consistent excellence, and that we'd only make a single-vineyard bottling if we had a special, genuinely distinctive wine. The 2019 Red Willow Cabernet hits that mark.

Enticingly perfumed and aromatic, it features a range of lovely red berry flavors, floral tones and subtle dried herb and mineral accents. The texture is silky and supple, more reminiscent of Left Bank Bordeaux than typical New World Cabernet. Will harmonize brilliantly with lamb, beef, game and poultry. There are very few Cabernet Sauvignons like the Foolhardy Red Willow and we're confident that you'll share our excitement about this exceptional wine. Only 51 cases produced

2019 Vintage

2019 was an outstanding vintage for Foolhardy. After a cool, wet spring delayed the start of the growing season, summer turned warm but fairly mild, without the blistering heat spikes that can work against fruit freshness. Unlike typical years, when late August and September can be quite hot in Eastern Washington, as of early September weather turned cool and never warmed up again. That worked just fine for us, as all of our vineyards were already nearing ideal ripeness by the end of September. We picked all of our Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards by October 7 (two days before the hard frost that put so many of our colleagues in a logistical panic), and consider ourselves lucky. All in all, the wines are superb, with great aromatic expressiveness, intensity, vibrancy and round, ripe tannins.

Foolhardy is a boutique winery in Walla Walla, Washington, focused on small-lot Cabernet Sauvignon and other Bordeaux varietals. We believe that good winemaking must be transparent, showcasing the energy and vibrancy of ripe grapes.

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