

COLUMBIA CREST GRAND ESTATES RED BLEND 2019/\$10.99



DESCRIPTION

Aptly named after the highest peak on Mount Rainier, Columbia Crest represents the pinnacle of Washington State Wine.

Nestled alongside the Columbia River in eastern Washington, Columbia Crest was the very first winery in the acclaimed Horse Heaven Hills AVA. Founded in 1982, the winery has maintained its commitment to quality, Washington State heritage, and craftsmanship.

Washington State and the Columbia Valley represent the perfect grape-growing climate—from the weather to the soil to the vineyard sites. These growing conditions, along with outstanding viticulture and winemaking practices, allow Columbia Crest to create high-quality wines that are true to their varietal character and represent the unique terroir of the region.

Columbia Crest's 2,500 acres of estate vineyards are some of the best in Washington. With only six to eight inches of annual rainfall, water to the Columbia Crest vineyards is supplied by drip irrigation, allowing control over the timing and quantity of water delivered to the vines and yielding grapes with well-balanced characteristics.

"My approach is to harness the strengths of all the fruit and vineyard sites we are working with. Some fruit tends to be more intense and other sites tend to be more delicate. By playing to strengths we can guide the fruit and create beautifully balanced wine. The key is to not follow a recipe, let the fruit do the talking and let the unique styles shine."

-WILL WILES, HEAD WINEMAKER

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Columbia Crest Red is a blend of 49% Syrah, 45% Merlot, and 6% Cabernet Sauvignon. The grapes were destemmed and fermented to optimize varietal expression of the growing region. After fermentation the wine is aged on a combination of new and neutral oak for 12-18 months.

Tasting Notes

Nose:

This Red Blend has aromas dark plum, dried cassis, and tobacco.

Palate:

A round entry shows flavors of chocolate covered dried cherries leading to a long and smooth finish.

Pairing:

Pair this Red Blend with BBQ pork with grilled peppers, and soft cheeses.

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Columbia Valley A.V.A., Washington

