

REQUIEM

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2023

COLUMBIA VALLEY



VINEYARDS

The 2023 growing season was stress free. A cool start to the vintage with bud break occurring towards the latter half of April, the latest in well over a decade. From there on the season played catch up and bud break, as well as veraison came on quickly likely to due to exceptionally warm weather and small crop load. The small crop load and warm days and nights led to intense flavors and ripening for most of the summer months. September and October forecast were similar to the start of the growing season, being stress free, but cooler. This led to extended hang time and large harvesting windows leading to optimal ripeness and more stress free conditions as winemakers could harvest based on desired flavors and not weather patterns or winery logistics. Slam dunk!

The 2023 Requiem is composed of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon and 13% Malbec, harvested from the first to the third week of October from the Rocks District in Milton-Freewater AVA. This unique AVA is defined less by geographical boundaries than by its topography and soil (dark-colored basalt cobbles). It is situated on an alluvial fan of the Walla Walla River, where the river exits the foothills of the Blue Mountains and enters the Walla Walla Valley. Crossing state lines, the AVA lies within Oregon and includes part of the town of Milton-Freewater. The area within the Rocks District also lies within the Walla Walla Valley AVA, which is entirely within the larger Columbia Valley AVA.

WINEMAKING

Varieties were fermented separately in oak vats, followed by malolactic conversion and aging in a barrel regimen of 85% French and 15% American oak. The barrels are 20% new, and the balance is second- and third-use. Elevage lasted 22 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Bold and savory with pronounced aromas and flavors of ripe black fruits and dark cherry, layered with graphite, the signature Rocks District savory earth, and subtle floral and herbal notes. Medium to full-bodied, the wine is juicy, plush, and generous with a gentle tannin structure, creating a harmonious and complex blend.