

# ABEJA



## 2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON COLUMBIA VALLEY

### TASTING NOTES

Crushed blackberries greet the nose with a minty freshness intertwined with warming vanilla and rich umami undertones. The broad entry is filled with a medley of crushed berries and stone fruits. The palate is firm but elegantly structured, promising enjoyment from now well into the years ahead. Layers of nocino, cocoa, and Oolong tea bring further intricacies to the dark fruits, leading into a full and drawn-out finish.

### VINTAGE OVERVIEW

The 2021 growing season will be remembered for deeply colored, flavorful grapes that produced age-worthy wines with great concentration and balance. Following a warm spring, a record heat wave hit in late June and sent temperatures soaring. The weather remained hot into late August before finally cooling, setting the stage for ideal harvest conditions. Fall weather was perfect, with the Columbia Valley's typical pattern of warm days and cool nights ripening grapes beautifully.

### HARVEST DATES & VINEYARDS

September 10 – October 7, 2021

Red Mountain, Walla Walla Valley, White Bluffs

### BARREL FERMENTATION AGING

Aged 21 months in French oak, 40% new, 60% experienced

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot

### APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

### CHEMISTRY

Alcohol 14.5%, TA 5.40 g/L, pH 3.88

### CASE PRODUCTIONS

4,216 cases

### WINEMAKERS

Daniel Wampfler & Amy Alvarez-Wampfler