

2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley

89+ points - Stephen Tanzer, Vinous, November 2016

“(3.72 pH; includes a good bit of 1972 fruit among its many sources; Bacchus and Dionysos vineyards make up one-third of the blend): Bright ruby-red. Medicinal black cherry, cassis, licorice, menthol and a light weedy note on the nose, lifted by a violet nuance. Then rich and surprisingly pliant in the middle palate, with sweet flavors of black cherry, cassis, blackberry and sage accented by herbs and baking spices. Turns considerably drier on the back end, where the plum and spice flavors are currently cut off by firm tannins. But this Cabernet has the energy to reward cellaring. There are now 6,500 cases of this juice.” – Stephen Tanzer

89 points - Wine Enthusiast, June 2016

“Cedar, toast, herb, vanilla, barrel spice and dark cherry aromas are in the lead on this 100% varietal wine. The dark-fruit flavors are sumptuous and rich, backed up by a firm squeeze of slightly scratchy tannins, with coffee on the finish.” – Sean Sullivan

89 points, - The Wine Advocate, eRobertParker.com, July 2016

“Coming from vines averaging 20 years in age, the classic 2013 Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon spent 22 months in 25% new French oak. It’s a terrific value and has real Cabernet character in its damp herbs, blackcurrants, underbrush and graphite-scented bouquet. Medium to full-bodied, polished and textured, it’s an impeccably made Cabernet to enjoy over the following 7-8 years, and I wouldn’t be surprised to see it evolve nicely for longer.” - Jeb Dunnuck

89 points, - The Wine Spectator, July 2016

“Fresh, inviting and expressive, layering fine tannins on a core of raspberry and cherry fruit, picking up red pepper notes as the finish lingers. Best from 2017 through 2021.” – Harvey Steiman

Excellent, - Great Northwest Wine, August 2016

“The Walla Walla Valley’s iconic schoolhouse works off a historic shopping list for one of the Northwest’s best examples of Cabernet Sauvignon vintage after vintage. Nearly a dozen sites, most of them in their third decade of life, include Alder Ridge, Bacchus and Dionysus at Sagemoor, Candy Mountain and Klipsun, StoneTree, and Walla Walla Valley plantings Pepper Bridge, Seven Hills, Ferguson, Summit View, Loess and Yellow Jacket. The blend creates aromas and flavors of dark purple fruit beyond the 22 months in a program of 25% new oak. Its theme of plum and blackberry are backed by blossoming blueberry skin tannins accompanied by pomegranate acidity and finished by toast and raspberry jam.

– Andy Purdue & Eric Degerman

Medals & Competitions

Silver – Cascadia Wine Competition, 2016

Silver – Savor NW Wine Awards, 2016

Silver – Great Northwest Invitational Wine Competition, 2016