



2003 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon

Columbia Valley

Randy Dunn

Tasting Notes: Feather is a richly concentrated wine with ripe black cherry and mocha aromas. Toasty on entry, the wine's dark fruit flavors include an intense blackberry mid-palate highlighted by a lush, spicy finish. An age-worthy wine, yet approachable and elegant with a unique balance of tannins, acidity and richness.

Vintage: Enthusiasts who enjoy big, rich, fruit-forward wines will find the Columbia Valley's 2003 vintage to their liking. This was one of Washington's warmest seasons on record with overall heat accumulation rivaling the high numbers posted in 1998. Temperatures were consistently warm from June through August giving the vines time to acclimate to the temperatures and allowing grapes and flavors to ripen in tandem at an even pace. In short, 2003 was another remarkable Columbia Valley vintage from start to finish.

Winemaking: Randy Dunn's Napa Valley cabernets from Dunn Vineyards are made of the stuff collectors crave; the wines are rare, acclaimed and age-worthy. Those who know Randy's wines will likely find *Feather*, his first cab outside of California in four decades of winemaking, different than his Napa cabs but to their taste. What's perhaps most notable about Feather is its showy style early-on, a reflection of Randy's appreciation for the Columbia Valley's softer, more supple wines. Throughout the growing season, Randy flew his plane to Washington frequently, checking yields, tasting the grapes and seeking a dark complexion on the skins before making the call to pick. Aged 23 months in Vicard French oak, his cooper of choice at Dunn Vineyards as well.

Vineyards: Randy chose a diverse selection of Washington vineyards to create a multi-layered wine. This debut release is a combination of Red Mountain grapes (43%) chosen for their rich mouth-feel; Horse Heaven Hills vineyards (54%) favored for depth and elegance; and 30-year-old vines from Sagemoor Vineyard north of Pasco (3%) for structure.

Alcohol: 14.2%

pH: 3.69

TA: 0.64 grams / 100ml

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Release date: April 2006

Production: 437 cases