



2004 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon

Columbia Valley

Randy Dunn

Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon master Randy Dunn brings more than four decades of winemaking experience to the Columbia Valley to produce Feather, his only wine made outside of California.

Tasting Notes: Spicy black fruit aromas and flavors combine with a hint of toast to make for an expressive, age-worthy wine. Balanced, silky tannins and intense fruit flavors add dimension giving the wine a dense, rich mouth-feel.

Vintage: Because of a harsh January freeze that left everyone anxious about damage to the vines, the 2004 vintage required meticulously care in the vineyard; and those who did, including winemaker Randy Dunn, were rewarded with wonderfully ripe, well-balanced wines. Randy asked growers to prune to two buds in the early spring, thin at bloom, thin again and drop green clusters at veraison; and finally, leaf thin in September to open up the canopy and promote even ripening. As a result, Long Shadows' blocks averaged 1 – 2 tons per acre, just slightly less than a “typical” year. This, combined with warm summer temperatures and an extended growing season proved ideal conditions for ripening grapes fully, yielding flavorful, balanced wines.

Winemaking: Like the 2003 debut vintage of Feather, the 2004 reflects Randy's appreciation for the Columbia Valley. A frequent visitor here, particularly during the growing season, Randy has come to know Washington's vineyards well, checking yields, tasting, and inspecting the grapes' skins for a dark complexion before making the call to pick. This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is hand-harvested, fermented in small lots and aged 23 months in Vicard French oak, Randy's cooper of choice at Dunn Vineyards as well.

Vineyards: Randy chose a diverse selection of Washington vineyards to create a multi-layered wine. Alder Ridge and Champoux Vineyards (34%) give the wine deep, complex layers of flavors and refined tannins; Stillwater Creek Vineyard (31%) provides beautiful balance and bright flavors; Dionysus and Weinbau Vineyards (28%) add deep color along with rich, ripe tannins and flavors.

Alcohol: 14.2%

pH: 3.74

TA: 0.57 grams / 100ml

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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Production: 1,176 cases