



## **2005 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon**

Columbia Valley

Randy Dunn

Acclaimed Napa Valley vintner, Randy Dunn, has built a reputation for producing world-class Cabernet Sauvignons. He brings more than four decades of winemaking experience to the Columbia Valley to produce Feather, his only wine made outside of California.

**Tasting Notes:** Ripe and beautifully balanced, the 2005 Feather is a wine with great concentration and depth. Bursting with mocha-scented blackberry and plum flavors that offer a rich mouth-feel across a long, lingering finish. It is a classic Cabernet Sauvignon from a classic Columbia Valley vintage.

**Vintage:** Columbia Valley growing seasons are remarkably consistent, but the 2005 vintage may well be remembered as one of the finest to date. Ideal temperatures during the summer months allowed grapes to build perfect sugars, and then as if made to order, the vines slipped into a slow and even ripening pattern in September. Warm daytime and cool nighttime temperatures throughout the fall extended hang times and allowed us to pick at perfect maturity.

**Winemaking:** Randy visits his favorite Columbia Valley vineyards throughout the growing season to ensure low yields and proper canopy balance to promote even ripening. Once harvest is underway, he returns to taste and inspect the grapes' skins for dark complexions before making the call to pick. This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is hand-harvested, fermented in small lots and aged 22 months in Vicard French oak, Randy's cooper of choice at Dunn Vineyards as well.

**Vineyards:** A diverse selection of Tri-Cities area vineyards (32%), including Sagemoor, provide deep color and ripe, flavorful tannins to the wine. Stillwater Creek Vineyard on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills (38%) adds bright, vibrant fruit characteristics. Grapes from Wallula, Champoux and Alder Ridge Vineyards in the Horse Heaven Hills (30%) add layers of earth, dark fruit and refined tannins.

**Alcohol:** 14.2%

**pH:** 3.76

**TA:** 0.61 grams / 100ml

**Blend:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Release date:** April 2008

**Production:** 1,321 cases