



2009 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon
Columbia Valley
Randy Dunn

Acclaimed Napa Valley vintner Randy Dunn has 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: Fresh and expressive, offering ripe blackberry, rose petal and sandalwood aromas. The flavors are vibrant yet focused, layered with dark plum, blueberry, semi-sweet chocolate and clove, wrapped with silky texture and a lengthy finish.

Vintage: The 2009 growing season started a bit cooler and wetter than usual, but the arrival of dry weather in June led to a good fruit set. By July, temperatures had warmed and stayed that way into September. With the warm weather and the vintage's lower than average yields, grapes ripened quickly and evenly, sparking one of the earliest and fastest harvests on record.

Winemaking: Hand-picked grapes were sorted at the winery, lightly crushed and fermented in small stainless steel tanks. At the peak of fermentation, the cap was pumped over three times daily to extract optimum concentration and tannins. A few lots were fermented with 20% of the stems returned to the tank to give the finished wine added structure, texture and complexity. The wine was aged 22 months in 90% new Vicard French oak barrels.

Vineyards: This wine represents Randy's seventh vintage in Washington. A frequent visitor here, he has settled on his favorite vineyards: Weinbau and Stone Tree on the Wahluke Slope (40%) were chosen for delicate structure and ripe plum aromas and flavors. Dionysus in the Tri-Cities (20%) gave the wine an added layer of structure and earthiness. Pepper Bridge Vineyard in Walla Walla (10%) was used to add richness to the mid-palate and for its dark fruit flavors. The balance is comprised of select Columbia Valley and Red Mountain sites chosen for added complexity and balance.

Alcohol: 14.2%

pH: 3.72

TA: 0.57 grams / 100ml

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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Production: 1,697 cases