

2012 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley Randy Dunn

Acclaimed Napa Valley vintner Randy Dunn has a reputation for producing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon. 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:** Deep crimson colored with pure and expressive Cabernet Sauvignon character. Generous aromas and flavors of dark fruits, violets, coffee and toasted herbs combine with a textured mid-palate to deliver a big, yet focused, wine with polished tannins and persistent finish.

**Vintage:** The 2012 vintage produced wines with exceptional color and rich, complex flavors. The growing season started warm; April conditions were near perfect, then temperatures cooled considerably in May and June before warming for the summer. The Columbia Valley's typical fall season, marked by warm days and cool nights ripened grapes to perfection and produced balanced wines with plenty of natural acidity and rich flavors.

**Winemaking:** Grapes were hand-harvested at the peak of ripeness, then lightly crushed and fermented in small stainless steel tanks. Once fermentation was underway, the cap was pumped over aggressively to extract color and structure. As fermentation neared completion, pump overs were handled more gently to further extract color and flavors without imparting harsh tannins. The finished wine was aged 22 months in 90% new Vicard French oak barrels (Randy's cooper of choice at Dunn Vineyards as well).

Vineyards: The 2012 Feather is a blend of equal parts Cabernet Sauvignon from The Benches Vineyard at Wallula in the Horse Heaven Hills, selected for its sophisticated, refined character and Dionysus Vineyard Cabernet, sourced for its dark color and wonderful structure. A small amount of Cabernet Sauvignon from Stone Tree Vineyard (14%) was used to enhance the mouthfeel and add another layer of complexity and richness to the finished wine.

**Alcohol:** 14.4% **pH:** 3.86

**TA:** 0.58 grams / 100ml

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Release Date: November 2014

**Production:** 2,010 cases