



2018 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: A classic Washington State Cabernet Sauvignon, true to varietal character, with appealing, earthy aromas and flavors, including a streak of graphite, dark cherry, blackberry and a hint of dried herbs. Well-structured with plenty of backbone, like an Old-World Cab but with the focused concentration of a New World wine, the 2018 Feather is an iron fist in a velvet glove.

Vintage: After a slow start to spring, the 2018 growing season heated up quickly. Temperatures stayed quite warm throughout the summer, then the weather moderated significantly in early September to extend hangtime. Harvest conditions were ideal as the Columbia Valley settled into a pattern of warm days and cool nights to slow ripening just enough to allow the grapes to mature fully without sacrificing acidity. The result is a vintage marked by balanced, concentrated wines with appealing texture and richness.

Winemaking: Handpicked grapes were sorted, lightly crushed and fermented in small stainless-steel tanks. To help the wine develop optimal structure and extract concentrated color and flavor, the cap was pumped over vigorously at peak fermentation. As fermentation neared completion, pump overs were handled more gently to further extract color and delicate flavors without imparting harsh tannins. When ready for barrel, the wine was aged 22 months in all French oak barrels, 90% new.

Vineyards: Washington's Wahluke Slope and Horse Heaven Hills produce some of the state's finest Cabs. The growing regions are both distinct and complementary. The 2018 Feather is equal parts Weinbau Vineyard Cabernet (Wahluke), a site that yields dark fruit with plenty of structure, and Wallula Vineyard Cabernet (Horse Heaven Hills). Cabernet grown here accentuates the varietal character of the grape and contributes to the wine's silky texture.

Alcohol: 14.9%

pH: 3.93

TA: 0.51 grams /100ml

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 3,720 cases