

2018 SESTINA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Left Bank Bordeaux - Style Red Blend

The Story of This Wine. The Sestina is an ancient form of poetry from Medieval France. Just as a modern poet can fill this form with new expressions, we use the traditional Bordeaux blend to express Washington. Sestina is our vision for an old vine, complex blend where all of the components complement each other. This wine is designed for the cellar, so the emphasis is on structure, balance, and complexity.

Winemaker's Tasting Note. "Upon swirling the glass, ripe red and black currants, Alpine flowers, toasted vanilla bean, crushed herbs, damp earth, and graphite highlight the nose on this wine. As it opens up, the palate fills out with beautiful poise and power, featuring red cassis and blueberry reductions, rich loam and crushed violets, with hints of bay leaf, mocha and iron. Tightly wound, yet deeply concentrated, this will want a few years in bottle, or a good decant if opened young. But this looks to be an incredibly long lived Sestina. Drink 2025-2045." - Chris Peterson, Winemaker

Vintage: 2018

AVA: Columbia Valley

Blend:

76% Cabernet Sauvignon,
17% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc

Winemaking: Native yeast, aged 20 months in 48% new French oak.
Bottled unfiltered, unfiltered.

Alcohol: 14.5%

Vineyards:

Cabernet Sauvignon
41% Red Willow (1985)
21% Dionysus (1973)
14% Bacchus (1972)

17% Merlot - Red Willow (1985)
7% Cabernet Franc - Bacchus (1997)

Cases: 325

Release: March 2021

Jeb Dunnuck - 96+ points, Top 100 Wines of 2021

"A beautiful, Saint-Julien-like bouquet of blackcurrants, cassis, violets, tobacco, and cedar gives way to a medium to full-bodied, concentrated, structured wine that builds incrementally on the palate, with ripe, velvety tannins, a stunning mid-palate, and a blockbuster of a finish. It's beautifully done, and while it drinks well today given its balance, purity, and texture, it's going to develop additional complexity with 3-5 years of bottle age and will have 20-25 years of overall longevity." - JD



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