

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)

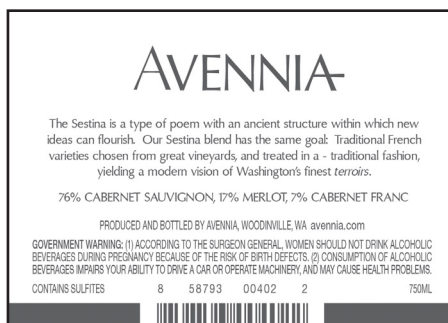
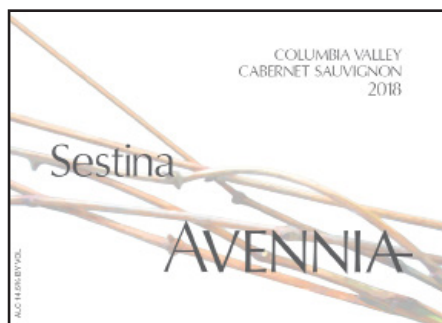
17% Merlot - Red Willow (1985)
7% Cabernet Franc - Bacchus (1997)

Cases: 325

Release: March 2021

Jeb Dunnuck - (94-96+) points barrel score:

"It's another Bordeaux look-alike that has a tight, tannic, medium to full-bodied style as well as notes of lead pencil shavings, spice box, and dried flowers. It's a beautiful wine yet not for those looking for instant gratification, although I suspect this will show more civilized from bottle." - JD



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