

2018 VALERY

Right Bank Bordeaux - Style Red Blend

The Story of This Wine. Valery is named for the Patron Saint of Wine in the St. Emilion region that inspired it. We started with old vine Merlot from a stony block in the heart of the Yakima Valley and added complex, aromatic Cabernet Franc from the Horse Heaven Hills. The result is a balanced, complex wine with the elegance and ethereal perfume that this blend of two of Washington's best varietals are known for.

Winemaker's Tasting Note. "This is a dark-hued and large-scaled vintage for Valery, with deep dark red fruits—black cherry and plum, thyme, bay leaf, bittersweet chocolate, licorice, and crushed stone. Exceptionally rich and seamless on the palate, with a silky texture, tons of dark cherry and currant coulis, tobacco, anise seed, and crushed herbs that carry on through the finish. Despite the depth on the palate, a lively acidity really keeps this wine well balanced and food-friendly. Like all of the 2018s, this will have a long life ahead in the cellar. Drink 2023-2035." - Chris Peterson, Winemaker

Vintage: 2018

Blend: 89% Merlot,
11% Cabernet Franc

Winemaking: Native yeast fermentation, aged 20 months in 28% new French oak. Bottled unfiltered, unfiltered.

Alcohol: 14.7%

AVA: Columbia Valley

Vineyards:

Boushey Vineyard
Merlot, 1986 planting

Champoux Vineyard
Cabernet Franc, 1997 planting

Cases: 210

Release: March 2021

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

"Based on 89% Merlot and 11% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2018 Valery might be the finest vintage to date for this cuvée. Awesome notes of red and black currants, smoked earth, tobacco, and leafy herbs all define the bouquet and it's medium to full-bodied, has a ripe, expansive texture, remarkable purity and a great, great finish." - JD

