

2019 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. "This is a very complex, almost brooding Sestina in its youth, with deep and developing aromas of black currant reduction, dark plum, graphite, and eucalyptus, with hints of thyme, Madagascar vanilla, and crushed stone. The palate is stacked with layers of flavor, featuring black currant liqueur, mocha, cigar box, eucalyptus, and a beautiful mineral backbone. The remarkable finish and firm architecture of this wine promises an incredibly long life in the cellar. Drink 2026-2046+." - Chris Peterson, Winemaker

Vintage: 2019

AVA: Columbia Valley

Blend:

77% Cabernet Sauvignon,
16% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc

Winemaking: Native yeast, aged
21 months in 58% new French oak.
Bottled unfiltered, unfiltered.

Alcohol: 14.6%

Vineyards:

Cabernet Sauvignon

32% Red Willow (1985)

32% Dionysus (1973)

13% Bacchus (1972)

Merlot - Red Willow (1985)

Cabernet Franc - Bacchus (1997)

Cases: 369

Release: March 2022

95 points, James Suckling

"Inviting aromas of elderberries, blackcurrants and dried flowers. Full-bodied with fruit-soaked, silky tannins. So much deliciously ripe fruit on the palate. It never comes across as muddled, but rather articulate and dynamic. So much depth. Very well balanced and structured. Terrific. This is showing well now, but will continue to get better with time. 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot and 7% Cabernet Franc. Drink or hold."



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