

2021 GRAVURA

Bordeaux-Style Blend

The Story of This Wine. Gravura is our Bordeaux-style blend that emphasizes a harmony of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. The name is a play on an artisan printing technique, and on the Bordeaux region of Graves, which features similar blends to this one. This wine is designed to be generous and voluptuous in style, while still remaining complex and balanced.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes. "Very interesting, almost Bordeaux-like on the nose, with earthy black raspberry, plum, black cherry, cigar box, graphite, and tanned leather. Stately and full-bodied on the palate, where the dark red and black fruits mingle with baked clay, pencil lead, milk chocolate, wildflower honey, and river minerals to create a harmonious and compelling wine. This will be a nice bottle to lay down for a couple of years and enjoy over the following couple decades." - Chris Peterson, Winemaker

Blend: 46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc

AVA: Columbia Valley

Vineyards: Red Willow, Bacchus, Avennia Estate, Dionysus, Weinbau, Boushey, DuBrul

Cases: 547

Winemaking: Native yeast fermentation in combination of steel and concrete tanks; aged 20 months in 55% new oak. Bottled unfined, unfiltered.

Alcohol: 14.4%

Release: December 2023

93 points & Cellar Stocker, Northwest Wine Report

"Aromas of black cherry, plum, dried herb, and graphite lead to creamy-feeling, supple, mesmerizing blue and darker fruit flavors, speckled with barrel accents. The grace, polish, and purity are exceptional, as is the length, which seems endless. This is classic Avennia, mixing sophistication and intensity. It's also a crazy value at this quality level. It drinks best on the cooler end of the 62-66 degree scale. Enjoy from 2026 to 2034." - Sean P. Sullivan

