

2022 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 Notes. "An outstanding rendition of Sestina, with aromas of dark plum, concentrated black currant, graphite, mountain violets, wild blackberry honey, and fresh bay leaf. The palate threads the needle of being lively and palate-coating, with concentrated black and dark red fruits, raspberry vine, deep loam, chocolate torte, and dried thyme. This wine is just starting its journey but has a long life ahead. Decant and enjoy with food now or try it from 2030-2050." - Chris Peterson, Winemaker

Blend: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc

AVA: Columbia Valley

Vineyards: Dionysus, Red Willow, Bacchus, DuBrul Cabernet Sauvignon; Red Willow Merlot; Bacchus Cabernet Franc

Winemaking: Native yeast fermentation in combination of concrete and steel tank. Aged 20 months in 48% new French oak barrels. Bottled unfiltered, unfiltered.

Alcohol: 14.7%

Cases: 488

Release: April 2025

97 points, Decanter

"The Bordeaux blend is where winemaker Chris Peterson shows his skillset, and this 2022 version of Sestina, a Left Bank homage, is no different... There is a splendid sophistication in the aromatics, with singed violets, chipped flint, dusty berries and dried mint leaves. The palate, still wound tight, luxuriates in red fruits, with strawberries and cherries lifted by piquant blood orange notes. There's a sophisticated dark element of graphite minerals and smoky salinity. Fine tannin, superb structure and a mocha-tinged finish that is kissed with a green peppercorn. This wine shows a brilliant acidity to balance its depth.

Classic and concise, exceptional." - Clive Pursehouse

