

2023 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. "This wine features all of the classic, complex Sestina notes, that multiply exponentially with some aeration: black currant and blackberry reduction, dark blueberry, cigar box, crushed violets, mineral-rich soil, toasted pecans, high-cacao chocolate, and river stones, presented on a very elegant and seamless palate. This Sestina shows that combination of power and lightness on the palate that has always set it apart, and the finish lasts forever, promising a long life in the cellar. Drink 2030-2045."

- Chris Peterson, Winemaker

Blend: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc

AVA: Columbia Valley

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

Winemaking: Native yeast fermentation. Aged 21 months in 60% new French oak. Bottled unfined, unfiltered.

Alcohol: 14.6%

Cases: 434

Release: April 2026

95 points, Paul Gregutt

"This Left Bank-inspired blend is 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot and 6% Cabernet Franc, sourced as before from old vine Bacchus, Dionysus, Red Willow and DuBrul grapes. This feels like a finesse vintage, with refined, textured threads of flavor. A mix of wild blackberries, black cherries, espresso grounds and a touch of black licorice, it is due for an April release but will benefit from another year of bottle age. Aged 21 months in 60% new French oak, it finishes with a lick of buttery caramel."

