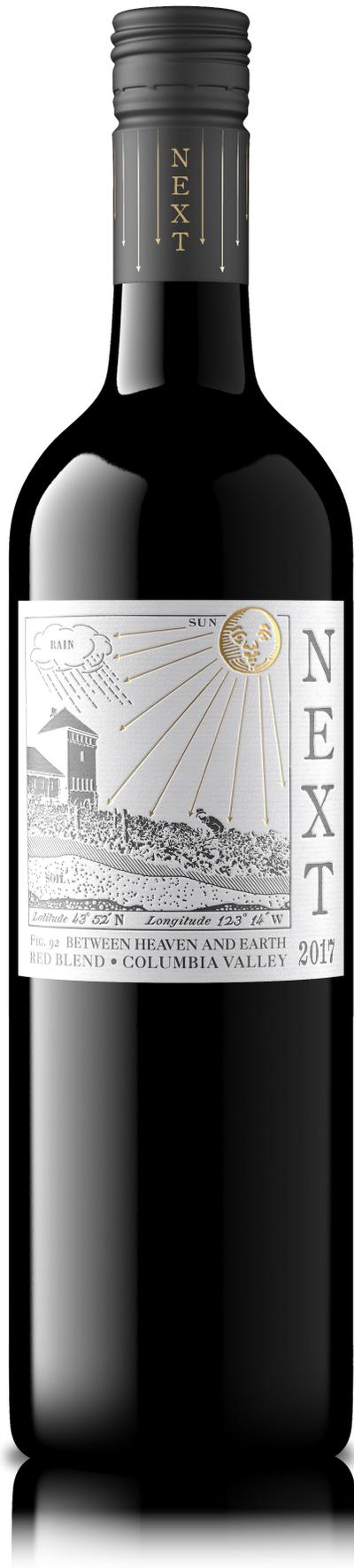


# NEXT



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## COLUMBIA VALLEY RED BLEND

“Wine is born between the heavens and earth.”

### THE HEAVENS

The Columbia Valley AVA lies in the Columbia River Plateau, through much of central and southern Washington State, with a small section crossing into Oregon. The Columbia Valley stretches between the 46th and 47th parallel, which puts it in line with the well-known French wine growing regions of Bordeaux and Burgundy. Compared to more southern growing regions, this northern latitude allows two more hours of additional daylight during the summer growing season. This long growing season also allows the grapes to be harvested at a cooler temperature - giving our winemakers the ideal window to pick when grapes are in perfect balance.

### THE EARTH

The soil types found in the vineyards of the Columbia Valley AVA are defined by the great Missoula floods, a series of cataclysmic floods that swept through the Columbia Gorge at the end of the last ice age. Most vineyards lie below the floodwaters with soils of loess, wind-blown deposits of sand and silt, overlying gravel and sediment-formed bedrock. This provides a diversity of soil types that are well drained and ideal for viticulture.

### THE BOUNTY

NEXT Red Blend has inviting aromas of blueberry, cassis and cigar box. Juicy flavors like blackberry and plum are accentuated by tobacco leaf before the long and satisfying finish. For optimum flavor and body, this wine underwent delestage, with extended maceration before being aged in 25% new French oak.

Varietals: 40% Syrah, 40% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon

AVA: Columbia Valley

Alcohol: 13.5%