

# SOLDIER

# COLUMBIA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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## THE SOLDIER Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

The Soldier - working the long hours, quietly carrying the heavy weight of duty with love and courage. The Soldier is sourced from the exceptional vineyards of the Columbia Valley. After fermentation, this wine was aged for two years in French and American oak.

### TASTING NOTES

The Soldier has a brooding dark garnet color with brick red edges. There are aromas of baked blueberry pie, cocoa powder and plum with savory nuances like fresh sage, tobacco leaf and ground coffee. Immediate fruit flavors like dark cherry and currant are accentuated by clove, sage and toasty oak. This is a big wine with tannin that turns from chewy to dusty through the mid-palate. Bright and balanced acidity leads to a complex and structured finish. Drinking beautifully now and has terrific cellaring potential.

#### WINEMAKING

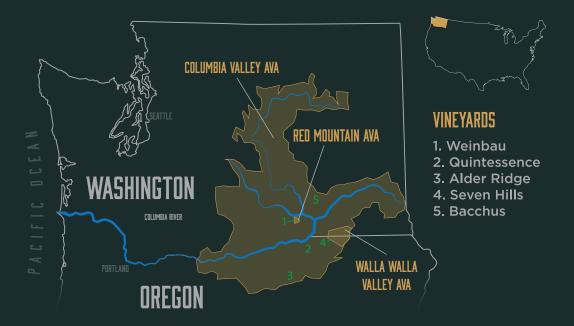
Grape clusters are destemmed and gently crushed to break the berry skin. A small portion of whole berries are also included in the must to soften overall wine tannins. The must is then cold soaked for 48 hours with daily pump overs. Fermentation occurs in a stainless steel open-top tank with twice daily punch downs. Wines are tasted daily during fermentation to monitor tannins and overall extraction. Grape skins are removed from the wine when optimal flavor and texture are obtained and then barreled down for extended aging in French and American oak.



2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON COLUMBIA VALLEY

# AVA & VINEYARDS

The King family has maintained longstanding relationships with some of the larger Columbia Valley AVA's most sought after growers. The Soldier is a unique blend of fruit from these cherished vineyards, including esteemed sites in the sub-AVAs of Walla Walla Valley and Red Mountain.



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#### - VARIETAL BREAKDOWN -

78% Cabernet Sauvignon 11% Cabernet Franc 8% Merlot 3% Tempranillo

#### - AVA BREAKDOWN -

70% Columbia Valley 23% Red Mountain 7% Walla Walla Valley



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