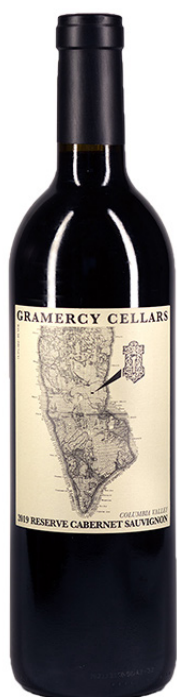


GRAMERCY CELLARS



2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON RESERVE COLUMBIA VALLEY



BLEND: 95% CABERNET SAUVIGNON,
5% MERLOT

VINEYARDS: PHINNY HILL, BACCHUS,
LOESS

AGING: 22 MONTHS 45% NEW FRENCH OAK

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

WINERY RETAIL: 110

CASE PRODUCTION: 265 CASES

DRINKING WINDOW: 2026 - 2056

WINE & SPIRITS: 94 POINTS

OWEN BARGREEN: 95 POINTS

Like the John Lewis Syrah, we begin blending the Reserve Cabernet with the question, “What is the best of the best in the cellar for that vintage?” Sometimes it’s a specific block of a vineyard. Other times, we find two or three vineyards that pair amazingly well, regardless of what the map says about their locations. Our only goal is to make the most stunning Bordeaux-based varietal wine in that vintage. While we wander down this path, we always have two specific vineyards at the forefront of our minds. Each vineyard brings unique characteristics to the final blend, Sagemoor’s Bacchus Vineyard and Phinny Hill Vineyard.

Bacchus gives power, structure, and is black fruit driven. It is an incredible Cabernet vineyard with a remarkably storied history. Some of the most exalted Washington Cabernets made by the most prestigious wineries use Sagemoor fruit. The vineyard lies on a hillside overlooking the Columbia River, perhaps 10 miles northeast of Red Mountain. The old vines have immense trunks and gnarled canes from their 50 years of growth. The over 20-year-old block at Phinny Hill, in Horse Heaven Hills, brings elegance & bright aromatics with a fresh red fruit profile. Our overarching goal is a beautifully balanced wine of power, complexity, and finesse.

When blending the Reserve Cabernet, we always start with 50% Bacchus and 50% Phinny Hill Vineyards. Sometimes the decisions end there with that blend. Other times we try different percentages of each parcel, determining which will take the lead. In 2018, Bacchus Vineyard made up most of the blend, with Phinny Hill playing a minor role. In 2019, Phinny Hill returned with a vengeance, comprising 66% of the wine. Since we again made a Phinny Hill designated MTA wine in 2019, this isn’t surprising.

The 2019 vintage was spectacular at Phinny Hill. The remainder of the blend is 29% Bacchus Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Loess Vineyard Merlot. Usually, our wines have a percentage or two of Petit Verdot. But we found this vintage of Reserve was perfect without it. The wine was fermented with native yeasts and aged for 22 months in 45% new French oak.

TASTING NOTES: AROMAS OF RED FRUIT, GRAVEL, MILK CHOCOLATE. GREEN HERB, CASSIS, PURPLE FLOWERS. BAKING SPICES OF CLOVE, VANILLA, AND CINNAMON FROM NEW FRENCH OAK. SHOUTS CABERNET SAUVIGNON. DEEP FOCUSED. INTENSE. SLIGHT SWEETNESS FROM THE OAK. MEDIUM-PLUS ACID, MEDIUM-PLUS TANNINS. WOW, REALLY GOOD. FINISH IS FOREVER. THIS IS A WINE WITH INCREDIBLE AROMATIC DELICACY BUT EXTREME POWER ON THE PALATE.

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