

GRAMERCY CELLARS



2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON COLUMBIA VALLEY



BLEND: 96% CABERNET SAUVIGNON,
4% MERLOT

VINEYARDS: PHINNY HILL, BACCHUS &
DIONYSUS, GRAMERCY ESTATES

AGING: 22 MONTHS 38% NEW FRENCH OAK

ALCOHOL: 14.0%

WINERY RETAIL: 60

CASE PRODUCTION: 1950 CASES

DRINKING WINDOW: 2022 - 2038

WINE & SPIRITS: 94 POINTS

WINE SPECTATOR: 94 POINTS

JEB DUNNUCK: 94 POINTS

WINE ENTHUSIAST: 93 POINTS CELLAR SELECTION

Among close friends, we sometimes feel comfortable enough to admit that we may drink more of our Cabernet at home than our Syrah. This admission does not discount how much we love Gramercy Syrah at all. We love it. However, particularly in recent years, we can't get enough of the Cabernet Sauvignon. The vineyards in Washington for Cabernet Sauvignon are simply stunning. And the wines can be reminiscent of the Old World and historical California from the 1980s and 90s, a rare style today.

We produced our first Cabernet Sauvignon in 2006. Our first winery space was shared with several other wineries, affording us an opportunity to taste Cabernet from all over Washington. It became evident that exciting, gravel, and earth-dominant wines could be made in the state. The 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon was based on vineyards in Walla Walla, notably Pepper Bridge, and we've added vineyards in Horse Heaven Hills and the surrounding areas over the years.

The idea of the Gramercy Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon always begins with the same combined backbone - Phinny Hill and Sagemoor Vineyards. Together they create a complete Cabernet Sauvignon with incredible aromatics, structure, and depth. While each vineyard can stand on its own, the blend is more than a sum of its parts. Occasionally, we add fractions of our estate vineyards in Walla Walla to the blend, as we did with the 2018 Cabernet. The Walla Walla components act as a "finishing spice" for the wine.

The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon is about 75% Phinny Hill and 16% Sagemoor - Bacchus & Dionysus blocks. Each vineyard is vital to the final blend. As always, Phinny provides red fruit, backbone, and elegance. Sagemoor, with its older vines from 25 to almost 50 years old, is all about power and complexity. The other 9% is sourced from our two estate vineyards in Walla Walla, JB George and Octave. The 2018 Cabernet is a blend of 96% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Merlot. It was aged in 38% new French oak and the remainder in older French barrels.

TASTING NOTES: HIGH TONED AND FRESH. MORE SO THAN 2016 OR 2017. PENCIL LEAD, GRAVEL, RED FRUIT - CRANBERRY, CASSIS, RASPBERRY. NOTES OF SPICE, RED AND PURPLE FLOWERS, WITH SOME VANILLA OAK. HIGH ACID AND LIVELY. MORE FRUIT ON PALATE THAN EARTH TO START. FIRM TANNIN. DUSTY. DARK CHOCOLATE. GREEN PEPPER/HERBS. REALLY CLASSIC CABERNET SAUVIGNON. EXTREME LENGTH. DID I MENTION MOUTH-WATERING ACID? TOTAL YUM AND WILL BE MY HOUSE WINE FOR A FEW YEARS.



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