



2020 PEDESTAL
Red Wine
VINTAGE SELECT
Columbia Valley

Long Shadows Vintners wines are made in small lots to allow maximum blending flexibility. Occasionally, a few lots or select barrels stand out as exemplary of the vintage. When this is the case and the winemaker identifies a rare, exceptional wine worthy of showcasing, a limited release Vintage Select wine is produced.

Tasting Notes: A wine of impressive depth, catching the eye with its dark, concentrated color and hinting at what lies ahead. Inviting aromas of black raspberry and ripe plum rise from the glass, followed by layered flavors of boysenberry, pomegranate, wild strawberry, and a touch of cocoa. The palate is polished and smooth, with gentle structure and lively freshness that lead into a long, refined finish.

Vintage: The 2020 growing season was marked by low yields, a hot summer, and extended fall hang time that produced spectacular wines with outstanding flavors, texture, and vibrancy. After a typical bud break in mid-April, May temperatures were moderate. The weather cooled in June, then warmed in July and August, with a few heat spikes. Just when it seemed harvest would be rushed, ripening conditions decelerated in Washington, and photosynthesis slowed enough to avoid high sugar accumulation and protect acidity.

Winemaking: Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot lots were singled out and fermented in French oak barrels for up to 30 days to broaden their mouthfeel and depth. The wine was then aged in all French oak barrels for 22 months before going to bottle for an extended cellaring to refine the tannins and add complexity.

Vineyards: Cabernet Sauvignon from Taptail Vineyard on Red Mountain lends depth and structure with its concentrated, warm-site intensity, while Merlot from Weinbau Vineyard in the Wahluke Slope adds polished texture and lifted dark-fruit nuance. Together they create a balanced core of richness and refinement, blending firm backbone with supple complexity.

Blend: 50% Merlot
50% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol: 14.9%
pH: 3.80
TA: 0.50
Production: 150 cases