

2013 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley Randy Dunn

Acclaimed Napa Valley vintner Randy Dunn has a reputation for producing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon. He brings more than four decades of winemaking experience to the Columbia Valley to produce Feather, his only wine made outside of California.

Tasting Notes: This deeply layered Cabernet offers bright aromas of dark berry fruits with hints of earth and graphite that gently accent flavors of French prune and sweet spice. A silky wine with rich texture and a viscous mouthfeel that extends from midpalate throughout its lengthy finish.

Vintage: The 2013 growing season started with an early bud break followed by consistently dry, warm weather that lasted until rainfall moved across the Columbia Valley in mid-June. The precipitation allowed the vines to establish a solid canopy that proved useful when temperatures reached 100 degrees immediately following the rains. With a protective exterior canopy, we were able to open the interior canopy to allow uniform ripening in the fruit zone. As temperatures cooled in September, the extended hang time allowed grape flavors to fully mature.

Winemaking: Hand-harvested grapes were lightly crushed and fermented in small stainless steel tanks. Once fermentation was underway, the cap was pumped over aggressively 2-3 times per day to extract color and structure. As fermentation neared completion, pump-overs were handled more gently to further extract delicate tannins and texture. Aged 22 months in Vicard French oak barrels, Randy's cooper of choice, 90% new.

Vineyards: The 2013 Feather is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon from two of Randy's favorite Sagemoor Farms vineyards: Weinbau Vineyard gives the wine its beautiful structure and richness; Dionysus Vineyard Cabernet brings intensity of color and fresh fruit flavors. The Benches Vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills accounts for almost a quarter of the blend, selected to add complexity, earthiness and silky tannins.

Alcohol: 14.8%

pH: 3.87

TA: 0.45 grams / 100ml **Blend:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Release Date: November 2015
Production: 2,259 cases