

# PIROUETTE

## 2019 PIROUETTE, RED WINE COLUMBIA VALLEY PHILIPPE MELKA & AGUSTIN HUNEEUS, SR.

Philippe Melka and Agustin Huneeus, Sr. teamed to combine the traditions of old-world winemaking, the advancements of new world technology, and small lots from Washington state's finest vineyards to craft this enticing red blend.

### TASTING NOTES:

A deeply colored, layered wine with lush character; the 2019 Pirouette offers ripe, juicy plum aromas mingled with subtle notes of sweet spice and savory, dark fruit. Mouth-filling, wonderfully elegant, and powerful on the palate, with firm, refined tannins that lead to a polished finish. A hint of rich dark chocolate lingers.

### VINTAGE:

The 2019 vintage produced excellent red wines of exceptional quality and consistency. The season started slowly. Unexpected late winter snow held on until mid-March, and as a result, soils were slow to warm; April bud break was delayed, but by May, the temperatures climbed to accelerate bloom. Summer weather was mild with no heat spikes, and the temperatures stayed moderate into the fall. Grapes ripened slowly, but the pace allowed the fruit to reach full physiological maturity, resulting in a vintage notable for its fresh, elegant style.

### BLEND:

56% Cabernet Sauvignon  
33% Merlot  
6% Cabernet Franc  
3% Malbec  
2% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 14.8%

pH: 3.89

TA: 0.54 grams/100ml

Production: 2,515 cases



### WINEMAKING:

Hand-harvested and sorted grapes underwent a variety of fermentation techniques to build layers of complexity and richness in this refined blend. Cabernet Sauvignon fermented in 400L French oak barrels were gently rolled throughout fermentation to integrate the fruit and oak and showcase the grapes' rich, supple tannins. All other varieties were fermented in traditional stainless steel tanks, with select lots enjoying longer skin contact to enhance the wine's dark color and mid-palate. Aged 22 months in all French oak barrels, 75% new, and bottled unfiltered and unfined.

### VINEYARDS:

Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon gives Pirouette its structure and refined tannins. The Wahluke Slope's Weinbau Vineyard Merlot adds softness and suppleness, with Cabernet Franc from the site lending elegant red fruit. Horse Heaven Hills' Sonnet Vineyard Malbec adds dark, spicy flavor, and finally, Dionysus Vineyard Petit Verdot enhances the wine's color and vibrancy.