



SAGGI

2020 SANGIOVESE BLEND • COLUMBIA VALLEY

AMBROGIO AND GIOVANNI FOLONARI, FROM ONE OF ITALY'S OLDEST AND MOST PRESTIGIOUS TUSCAN WINE FAMILIES, PROVIDED THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE WHILE WORKING WITH LONG SHADOWS' DIRECTOR OF WINEMAKING, GILLES NICAULT, WHO NOW PRODUCES THIS UNIQUE BLEND OF SANGIOVESE, CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND SYRAH.

TASTING NOTES:

Vibrant and darkly hued in the glass, with juicy black currant, red fruit and oak spice aromas. On entry, a textured, lively mouthfeel enhances the wine's intense fruit character. Flavorful notes of wild strawberry and sour cherry are beautifully balanced with just the right amount of acidity stretching across a persistent 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 along the way. Just when it seemed harvest would be rushed, ripening conditions decelerated in Washington and photosynthesis slowed enough to avoid high sugar accumulation and protect the acidity in the grapes.

BLEND:

62% SANGIOVESE
28% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
10% SYRAH



WINEMAKING:

Handpicked grapes were gently crushed and fermented into small tanks. Using a technique called saignée (French for "to bleed"), 5-10% of the juice was removed from the tank at the beginning of fermentation to increase the proportion of grape skins to juice resulting in a rich, concentrated wine. Small lot, extended maceration for an average of 30 days, developed refined tannins and a silky mouthfeel. Aged 18 months in all French oak barrels, 55% new.

VINEYARDS:

The 2020 Saggi is a blend of three outstanding Washington State Sangiovese vineyards. Walla Walla Valley's Blue Mountain Sangiovese contributes to the wine's dark color and lush mouthfeel. Candy Mountain is a warm vineyard that delivers Sangiovese grapes with ripe, dark fruit flavors. Boushey Vineyard Sangiovese, grown in the Yakima Valley, is a cooler site that adds liveliness. Stone Tree Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon provides structure and silky tannins. A small amount of Yakima Valley Syrah brings dark color and spice.

ALCOHOL: 15.1%

PH: 3.72

TA: 0.62 GRAMS/100M

PRODUCTION: 2,155 CASES