

PIROUETTE

2021 PIROUETTE, RED WINE COLUMBIA VALLEY

Originally crafted in collaboration with Napa Valley Vintner Phillipe Melka, this old-world blend of select lots from the Columbia Valley's best vineyards, is produced by Long Shadows' Director of Winemaking, Gilles Nicault

TASTING NOTES:

In the glass, the 2021 Pirouette presents a strikingly deep and alluring color. Its bouquet is a harmonious blend of vibrant aromas, including ripe plums, cassis, violets, grilled herbs, and incense. On the palate, this wine reveals its full-bodied character, with a luxurious texture and sturdy backbone. Dark fruit flavors and refined tannins provide a wonderful balance of opulence and elegance. The finish is a testament to its sophistication, as the lingering notes of dark chocolate elegantly round off each sip, leaving a lasting impression.

VINTAGE:

The 2021 vintage will be remembered for low yields and extreme temperatures stretching from late June to the beginning of July. The early summer heat wave was followed by ideal weather, with warm days and cool nights extending well into October. The combination of low yields and extra hang time allowed the grapes to reach full physiological maturity, resulting in a vintage marked by balanced wines with great concentration and flavor.

BLEND:

55% Cabernet Sauvignon
36% Merlot
7% Petit Verdot
2% Malbec

WINEMAKING:

Hand-harvested grapes were sorted and then underwent a variety of fermentation techniques to build layers of complexity and richness in the blend. Cabernet Sauvignon fermented in 400L French oak barrels was gently rolled throughout fermentation to integrate fruit and oak while developing rich, supple tannins. All other varieties were fermented in stainless steel tanks, with select lots enjoying longer skin contact to enhance the wine's dark color and rich mid-palate. Aged 22 months in all French oak barrels, 80% new.

VINEYARDS:

A selection of top Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards and a small amount of Stone Tree Vineyard Cabernet give Pirouette structure and ripe fruit character. Layered complexity builds with the addition of Red Mountain Merlot, bringing suppleness and texture. Petit Verdot from Dionysus Vineyard lends cassis, and finally, a small amount of Weinbau Vineyard Malbec contributes a dark, spicy note to the finished wine.



Alcohol: 15.3%

pH: 3.89

TA: 0.54 grams/100ml

Production: 2,697 cases
