

PIROUETTE

2022 PIROUETTE, RED WINE COLUMBIA VALLEY

This old-world blend of select lots from Columbia Valley's best vineyards is produced by Long Shadows' Director of Winemaking & Viticulture, Gilles Nicault.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2022 Pirouette is a bold, refined blend that balances power with elegance. Deep, concentrated aromas and flavors of cassis, black cherry and graphite lead to a richly textured palate, where dark fruit intertwines with notes of coffee, baking spice, and a hint of cigar box. Silky yet firm tannins lend structure, while well-integrated oak enhances the wine's depth and complexity. The finish is long and lingering, echoing with generous dark fruit and spice.

VINTAGE:

The 2022 Columbia Valley growing season brought challenges, rewards, and, ultimately, a vintage to celebrate. A wet spring delayed vine growth that was then accelerated by intense summer heat. A warm, sunny stretch through October provided ideal hangtime for the grapes to reach physiological maturity. The resulting wines showcase vibrant color, impeccable structure, and expressive, layered flavors.

BLEND:

65% Cabernet Sauvignon
30% Merlot
3% Petit Verdot
2% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol: 15.3%

pH: 3.86

TA: 0.53 grams/100ml

Production: 2,779 cases

WINEMAKING:

Hand-harvested 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 was gently rolled throughout fermentation to integrate dark fruit flavors 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 mid-palate. Aged 22 months in all French oak barrels, 80% new.

VINEYARDS:

A selection of top Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards provides Pirouette with its signature structure, depth, and dark fruit intensity. Red Mountain Merlot contributes plush texture and suppleness, while Petit Verdot from Dionysus Vineyard adds cassis and refined tannins. Weinbau Vineyard further enhances the wine's complexity to round out the blend beautifully.

