

PIROUETTE

2020 PIROUETTE, RED WINE COLUMBIA VALLEY PHILIPPE MELKA & AGUSTIN HUNEEUS, SR.

Philippe Melka and Agustin Huneeus, Sr. teamed with Long Shadows' winemaker Gilles Nicault 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:

The 2020 Pirouette is a big, refined wine with beautiful balance, offering concentrated color and flavors. Black cherry, sweet spice, plum, and hints of dark chocolate are lavishly integrated with silky tannins that leave a rich impression across a lengthy finish. Complete and seamless from beginning to end.

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:

66% Cabernet Sauvignon
30% Merlot
2% Cabernet Franc
2% Malbec

Alcohol: 14.9%

pH: 3.78

TA: 0.54 grams/100ml

Production: 2,742 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 and a small amount of old vine Cab from Sagemoor Vineyard give Pirouette its ripe and rich style. Merlot, also sourced from Red Mountain, adds suppleness to the mid-palate, with Cabernet Franc from Weinbau Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope lending elegant red fruit and a small amount of Weinbau Malbec, adding depth and spice to the final blend.