

FOUNDATION CELLARS

2018 Ransom Note, Red Wine

AVA: Columbia Valley

Vineyard(s);

- Discovery, Cabernet Sauvignon(50%)
- Stanton(Red Mtn.), Merlot(25%)
- Quintessence, Petit Verdot (12.5%)
- Stillwater Malbec(12.5%)

Aging: 22 months in 25% New, 50 % Used, 25% Neutral

Bottled: August 2020

Production: 185 cases

Retail Price: \$38



The Vintage:

Some will say that this was the perfect growing season. From spring through summer temperatures cycled through warm and cold periods as though designed for growing grapes. The season finished with a cool September to provide ideal ripening.

The Vineyards:

A combination of Discovery Vineyards in Horse Heaven Hills AVA, Stanton and Quintessence Vineyards in the Red Mountain AVA finished off with a bit of Malbec from Stillwater down the road. Discovery Vineyard located on the south facing slope on the Columbia River. Red Mountain farther northeast from the river known for a hot dry and windy growing season that results in small berries and thick skins.

The Winemaking:

Minimally invasive winemaking. Fermentation over a 10-14 day period. Pump overs or punch downs twice daily to achieved desired extraction. Free run and pressed juice barreled and aged separately. Aged in barrel for 22 months to achieve balance and oak integration. Blended prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes:

This is a full-bodied, deep and dark garnet wine that delivers black currant, fig flavors with hints of baking spices, cigar box, and pencil lead.

The Label:

In the same way that the Left and Right Banks of Bordeaux tell two sides of the same story. This label tells the story from the captor's point of view, where it's counterpart, Rusty Cage, tells the story of the captive. It is intended to be a conversation starter and to complement the wines Left Bank "styled" blend.