

BENTON HILLS CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020

Goose Gap AVA, Columbia Valley, Washington



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TASTING NOTES: Our Cabernet Sauvignon opens with notes of smoke and spice, accented by dried dark fruits and herbs. On the palate, lively flavors of cherries, plums, and cedar mingle over a supple structure. The juicy dark red fruit carries into a rich, plush finish.

VITICULTURE: The fruit for the Benton Hills Cabernet Sauvignon was carefully sourced from some of our favorite Cabernet Sauvignon blocks of the estate. The warm vintage allowed for long hang time in the vineyard and tremendous flavor development in the grapes without over-ripening and loss of varietal character.

VINIFICATION: During fermentation, the wine was pumped over twice daily until a balance of color, structure, and flavor extraction had been achieved. Malolactic fermentation was completed on oak, smoothing, and softening the wine.

INTERESTING FACT: Benton Hills Vineyards is in a premier wine region in southeastern Washington state, comprising several arid southwest sloping hills that are home to many of the Columbia valley's most celebrated vineyards.

STORY: Ancient basalt flows formed a cluster of small mountains with gentle sloping hillsides ideal for growing vinifera grapes. We affectionately refer to them as our Benton Hills.

M.L. Monson brought his family to the Yakima Valley in the early 1900s. He came with a love for the land and the dream of building a family farming business that would continue for generations.

Initially, the focus was on orchards and cattle. In the 1990s, M.L.'s son Arvid began building in a new direction, establishing vineyards in the arid hills and valleys around Richland. This led to the founding of Goose Ridge Estate Vineyard & Winery in 1998.

Through years of remarkable growth and change, the family has remained true to the vision held by M.L. and Arvid Monson, and today Goose Ridge is led by Arvid's three children, Bill, Molly and Valerie.

PRODUCER: Goose Ridge

ALCOHOL: 13.8%

REGION: Goose Gap AVA, Columbia Valley, Washington

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.7 G/L

GRAPE(S): 91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Syrah, 2% Merlot

pH: 3.69