

STONECAP CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020

STONECAP

Columbia Valley, Washington



TASTING NOTES: The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon shows lovely aromas of fresh red cherry and red currant with notes of mocha and spice accented by hints of fresh herbs. The palate is intense and juicy showing red fruit flavors supported and focused by a fine structure and a hint of underlying minerality. The finish is lively and fresh and satisfying.

VINIFICATION: The warm 2020 vintage allowed for long hang time in the vineyard and tremendous flavor development in the grapes without over-ripening and loss of varietal character. 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. The final blend was created as an authentic expression of the Estate's Cabernet Sauvignon and the depth that can be found in Washington wines.

STORY: StoneCap is made with estate-grown grapes from the expansive, renowned Goose Ridge Vineyard in Washington State's Columbia Valley. This valley and its surrounding rivers were formed during the Ice Age. The soil in this region is frequently wind-blown, leaving a "stonecap" at the top of the 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: 13.9%

REGION: Columbia Valley, Washington

GRAPE(S): 79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot