



2015 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon

Columbia Valley

Randy Dunn

Acclaimed Napa Valley vintner Randy Dunn has a reputation for producing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon. He brings more than four decades of winemaking experience to the Columbia Valley to produce Feather, his only wine made outside of California.

Tasting Notes: The 2015 Feather is a vibrant, dynamic wine that possesses deep crimson color, supple tannins and balanced acidity. Expressive aromas and flavors of dried Bing cherries and bittersweet chocolate are complemented by hints of red pepper and thyme that gain focus on the mid-palate and add appeal to the wine's long, layered finish.

Vintage: A warm, dry spring arrived early in 2015 and was followed by a hot summer. Careful canopy management throughout the growing season helped protect the grapes from too much sun. Although warm daytime temperatures persisted throughout the fall, evening temperatures were cool which helped to perfectly ripen the vintage's small, thick-skinned berries. The resulting wines are both powerful and elegant.

Winemaking: Hand-harvested grapes picked at the peak of ripeness were sorted, lightly crushed and fermented in small stainless-steel tanks. Once fermentation started, the cap was pumped over aggressively to extract color and structure. As fermentation neared completion, pump overs were handled more gently to further extract color and flavor without imparting harsh tannins. The wine was aged 22 months in 90% new Vicard French oak barrels, Randy's preferred cooper at Dunn Vineyards as well.

Vineyards: The 2015 Feather is a blend of four distinct Washington State Cabernet Sauvignon growing regions selected to create a complex, layered wine. Equal parts Dionysus (Columbia Valley) and Weinbau (Wahluke Slope) vineyards give the wine its structure and backbone, along with intense fruit flavors. Summit View Vineyard (Walla Walla) adds a dark fruit component, particularly notable on the mid-palate and Sonnet Vineyard (Horse Heaven Hills) brings elegant, refined tannins to the finished blend.

Alcohol: 14.8%

pH: 3.90

TA: 0.58 grams /100ml

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 2,520 cases