

Aquilini

2019 | FAMILY BLEND
RED MOUNTAIN, WASHINGTON



STORY

Red Mountain is an unusual gift to the craft of winemaking. It's glacial history and Mother Nature's guiding hand have made it a grape growing region with profound potential. Aquilini wines are the product of the rare confluence of these effects with the old world craft and heartfelt passion they bring to the art of making extraordinary wine. Driven by passion. Nurtured by Family. Inspired by Red Mountain.

WINEMAKING

The grapes for the Family Blend were handpicked, beginning with the Merlot in the third week of September, next the Malbec, followed by Cabernet Sauvignon, and finally the Petit Verdot on October 23rd. These lots typically receive a very short pre-inoculation soak along with a lengthy maceration. After gentle pressing these wines are transferred to French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation began and a 27-month maturation period. For our new oak selection, we choose barrels that would imbue the wine with charm, elegance, and an overall softer profile than its big brother, Cabernet Sauvignon. Though designed for earlier consumption than the flagship Cabernet Sauvignon, the Family Blend will age gracefully.

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Family Blend is aromatically diverse and brooding. Opening with dark cherries, raspberry, black currant and savory herb. The lush fruit is then joined with roasted cacao, wet stone, sage and lose leaf tobacco. The structure is generous in volume and very expressive, showcasing its classic Red Mountain tannins with a lovely drawn-out acid and mineral driven finish.

PERFECT PAIRINGS

Pairs well with lamb kabobs, shepards pie, or a grilled steak.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Red Mountain

Composition: 69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Malbec, 11% Petit Verdot, 4% Merlot

Aging: 27 months in French Oak

Fermentation: Stainless Steel

Alcohol: 15.6%

Acidity: 5.9 g/l

pH: 3.89

Residual sugar: 0g

AWARDS

