

FOOLHARDY



2018
CABERNET
SAUVIGNON

2018 FH Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Columbia Valley

Vineyards (planted): Bacchus (2001), Elephant Mountain (1999), Obelisco (2006), Red Willow (1991), StoneTree (2006), Southwind (2007)

Varietal Composition: 91.7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6.0% Malbec, 2.3% Petit Verdot

Cooperage: 100% French oak - 33% was new (Cavin, Boutes)

Alcohol: 14.6%

pH: 3.85

Aging: 22 months in French oak barrels

Bottling Date: August 13, 2020

Production: 31 barrels

Tasting Notes

Our third vintage of the FH is crazy easy to like. Supple and generous, it features a range of black cherry, blackberry and delicious dark chocolate tones. Already in peak drinking form, the 2018 FH will stay in stride for at least the next five years.

A blend of 91.7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Malbec and 2.3% Petit Verdot, it has the heft to stand up to hearty food (think grilled steak or roasted chicken or pork), as well as the supple charm of to make you crave another glass as aperitif. A guaranteed crowd pleaser.

2018 Vintage

The 2018 growing season was a bit of a roller coaster ride. It started mild and relatively cool, but come July temperatures soared to (what were then) historic levels. The vineyards quickly made up for lost time and veraison (the crucial phase of grape development when berries turn from green to red) was notably quick and even. August remained very warm and by the start of September it looked like we were on track for an exceptionally early harvest. Fortunately, the start of September brought a big drop in temperature and conditions stayed mild through October, permitting a leisurely pace to harvest. The wines turned out quite plush and supple, with excellent weight and plenty of ripe fruit flavors.

Foolhardy is a boutique winery in Walla Walla, Washington, focused on small-lot Cabernet Sauvignon. We believe that good winemaking must be transparent, showcasing the energy and vibrancy of ripe grapes.

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