

# TALL SAGE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2022

*Goose Gap AVA, Columbia Valley, Washington*



**TASTING NOTES:** The 2022 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.

**VITICULTURE:** The fruit for this wine was carefully sourced from some of our favorite Cabernet Sauvignon blocks of the estate. During fermentation, the wine was pumped over twice daily until a balance of color, structure, and flavor extraction had been achieved. 25% of the blend were allowed to mature and develop in New American Oak barrels for 14 months while others aged in stainless steel to respect their intense fruit character. The final blend was created as an authentic expression of the Estate's Cabernet Sauvignon.

**STORY:** Arvid Monson developed his first vineyard on the advice of Dr. Walter Clore, known as the father of Washington's wine industry: "Find a tall sage, and you have a place that will sustain superior grape vines." A tall sage is one that develops deep tap roots and, like Arvid himself, sustains the life around it. This release is a tribute to a man of great stature, the founder of Goose Ridge Estate Vineyards.

**FAMILY:** 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:** 13.5%

**REGION:** Goose Gap AVA, Columbia Valley, Washington

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